AN ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE and TRAVELS, IN THE Work of the MINISTRY, OF *JOHN FOTHERGILL.*

To which are added,

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PREFACE.

IT was not till within a few Years before the AUTHOR's *Deceaſe, that he entertain'd a Deſign to leave behind him a Memorial of this Nature: But being requeſted, about the Year* 1742, *to turn his Thoughts this Way, by one of his Sons who had been much leſs under his immediate Tuition, than the reſt of his Children, and conſequently leſs acquainted with many Particulars of his Life, replied, that* tho' he had been moſtly eaſy, in relation to writing any Thing by way of Journal of his Labours, as ſome other Friends had done; yet it had not wholly paſſed unattended to, nor without Thoughts often darting into his Mind concerning it, and ſo frequently of late, as to have ſomewhat turned his Inclinations that Way. *From this Time it fixed more cloſely upon him, and he employed great Part of his leiſure Time, when Health permitted, in drawing up the firſt Part of the enſuing* Memoirs, *which extends only to the Time of his Return from his firſt Viſit to* America, *and was finiſh'd but a few Weeks before his Deceaſe under great Weakneſs of Body. But the plain, ſenſible and lively Manner, in which this Account is drawn up, occaſions the deeper Regret, that he had not earlier engaged herein, and that the many intereſting and inſtructive Obſervations, that muſt have occurr'd during the remaining Part of his Life, are now loſt irretrieveably.*

The ſucceeding Part of this Collection has been compiled from the ſhort Notes he kept of his ſeveral Viſits, and ſome other Papers and Letters, as it were providentially

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preſerved: And as this Part required ſome Care in digeſting, as well as Labour in tranſcribing, the Work has been retarded longer than was agreeable to the Editors, or the Public, for whoſe Satisfaction, as well as Benefit, they were not unconcerned.

It was not without Heſitation, that ſome Parts of the following Collection were committed to the Preſs; ſuch as the ſummary Journals of ſeveral of his Viſits. Nevertheleſs, as even theſe ſhort Hints may poſſibly occaſion, in the Minds of divers who remember thoſe Viſits, and his Labours therein, ſome uſeful Conſiderations, it was thought moſt proper to retain them.

A painful, deep, ſearching, laborious Miniſtry was oftentimes the AUTHOR's *Portion; accompanied with a zealous Concern, that all might come to the certain Knowledge, and inward Experience of an holy living Principle operating in the Hearts of Mankind; in order to lead them from Error and Unrighteouſneſs, into all Truth, and into the Practice of every* Chriſtian *Virtue: And to thoſe who read with a View to profit, not barely Amuſement; and in order that they may both be informed of, and animated by Example, to come up in their reſpective Duties, the Peruſal, we hope, will be beneficial.*

This was the general Tendency of his Labours in the Miniſtry, as many now living can teſtify; and in the following Sheets the ſame important Doctrine is ſtrongly and frequently inculcated, and is now earneſtly recommended to the Reader, with Deſires, that the many Truths herein delivered, may have a due Effect upon every Mind; and that thoſe eſpecially, who have been Witneſſes of his Zeal and Fervency, may, in calling his Services amongſt them to their Remembrance, be incited to follow him, as he followed CHRIST, *and thus ſecure to themſelves the Benefits he diligently laboured for, and at the ſame Time to pay the moſt expreſſive Regard to his Memory.*

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AN ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE and TRAVELS OF JOHN FOTHERGILL.

I WAS born in *Wenſleydale* in *Yorkſhire*, 1676, of Parents not only convinced of the bleſſed Goſpel Diſpenſation of God to Mankind, in ſending the Spirit of Chriſt to enlighten and reprove for Sin, and to lead the Believers in it into Truth and Righteouſneſs, as teſtified unto by the People called *Quakers*; but alſo, who endeavour'd carefully to feel after, and live up to the powerful Principle of Truth whereby they were both inſtructed and enabled to be exemplary in Life, and in religious Concern to attend Meetings for the Worſhip of God; and in an humble, ſteady, diligent waiting upon him for the Appearance of his enlivening Preſence and Power, to enable them to worſhip acceptably. This alſo led them into a godly Care to train up their Children in the Fear of the Lord, and to take them

them to religious Meetings frequently, both on First-days and other Days of the Week, which they seldom failed in attending: Especially my Mother, whose care herein, and her spiritual, reverent Travel of Soul in Meetings, often in Silence, for the Sacrifice of a broken Heart to be prepared in her by the Lord, had, very early, a deeply affecting Impression in my Consideration: So that I was convinced fully, when very young, both of the Existence of an Almighty, holy, all-knowing Being; and that there is a Part in Man that is immortal; and from hence arose a Fear to offend him in Word or Deed.

I have made this mention of my Parents, and the Benefit accruing to me through their religious Life, as well as of some other Friends, manifestly exercised in Spirit towards the Lord, and feeling after his humbling Love and Life to renew their Strength from Time to Time, for this End chiefly; to instruct our Youth, who have religious Parents or Tutors, to prize such Privileges, and to consider, that if such Advantages be disregarded and made light of, those who so do have much more to answer for, and will have heavier Condemnation to bear, than those who have not had such convincing Opportunities. And *Secondly*, to stir up Parents and others professing the holy and blessed Truth, to labour carefully to feel after and obey it for their own Advantage; and also to be good Examples and certain Way-marks before their Offspring and the Youth, who may see them both in Meetings and out of Meetings.

For as I have had to remember divers of the Elders, and the Instruction which their Conduct afforded me in my young Years; so it hath often brought a fresh Care, and inward Concern of Soul upon me, that I might be such a Light, and such an Instance of Diligence, as might carry some true Demon-

Demonſtration with it to my Children and others; And in this Concern of Mind we are often renewed in a Capacity to pray, or deſire for others, with ſome Acceſs.

And I am not eaſy without leaving this Teſtimony behind me, that I fully believe one great Hindrance to the Growth of our Youth in true Godlineſs, is the Want of that true ſpiritual Mindedneſs which ought to be regarded by all, but in an eſpecial Manner by the elder and more knowing

From this Fear to offend the Lord, which I mentioned above to be early raiſed in my Heart, I loved religious Meetings and true Miniſters; and as many ſuch Miniſters, who travelled in the Service of Truth, often lodged at my Father's Houſe, I greatly loved to be near them, and to remark their Conduct and Converſation, which hath often been beneficial to me, both then and in the after Part of my Life: It hath likewiſe made me glad to ſee the like Inclination in Youth, and taught me to be careful to converſe with, and behave before them with godly Prudence.

But although inward Fear and Care, with ſome heavenly Touches of the Life of Truth, enabled me to live more ſelf-denyingly and gravely than ſome others of like Years, which my Mother particularly noted to herſelf with ſome comfortable Hope, and mentioned it to ſome in private; yet ſhe was removed by Death when I was about eleven or twelve Years old, which was a great Loſs to me: For though my Father's Care continued, yet being more from under his Eye, and he being obliged to have other Houſe-keepers, who were not duly ſeaſoned with the Truth; ſome of them, with other Servants, proved Inciters to Airineſs and a looſer Conduct, inſtead of being Examples of a religious and godly Sobriety: And ſo the evil Power took Advantage of my natural Activeneſs and Propenſity to Sports and Plays, and often ſtifled that heavenly

venly Deſire and Care towards God, which I ought to have retained. So I became more thoughtleſs about my Soul's Intereſt, and ſubject to be led into Folly, which yet was often made a Burthen to me, and an Occaſion of Sorrow ſecretly, which cauſed me to beg Mercy for my Negligence, and to make Covenants to be more watchful againſt Temptations; but alas! I often failed in performing them.

Yet divine Mercy, by renewed Convictions and awakening Viſitations, gave me to ſee and conſider my Unfaithfulneſs and Weakneſs in ſuch a Manner, that I often with ſecret Lamentation bemoan'd myſelf under his Judgment, much fearing that I ſhould not be regarded in Mercy any more; nor durſt I make any more Promiſes, as I had done, leſt I ſhould by failing increaſe my Soul's Bondage.

Yet as I was kept for a Time thus low and watchful to this heavenly Principle of Truth, which let me ſee my Sin, and the Danger of it, I was favoured with the Springings of Hope for Mercy and Salvation; and then my Cry was frequent and ſtrong to be purged thoroughly, whatever I had to bear, if the Almighty would but enable me. Thus I wreſtled ſeveral Years, and durſt not believe that I gained any effectual Victory; and as the Baptiſm of Chriſt by his Spirit had begun to operate in me, to bring a Death to Sin, and the Luſts of the Fleſh, that thro' Faith, and a diligent Attendance to his Power, I might live to him in Newneſs of Life, I had ſome Hope that the Fan in his Hand would thoroughly purge me, which was the very earneſt Cry and Longing of my Soul. But the winnowing, refining Work of the Spirit of Judgment, and of Burning, now kindled to take away my Droſs, was ſo heavy upon me, that I was often tempted to conclude I was forſaken of Mercy, and that Judgment and Darkneſs were to be my Portion. Under ſuch Apprehenſions the Enemy of

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Souls would have turned my Heart againſt the righteous Almighty, or prevailed upon me to give myſelf a Looſe into preſent fleſhly Pleaſures; but oh! bleſſed Regard from on high was near, to manifeſt the wicked Deſign of the evil Spirit, and the Tendency of his Suggeſtions. A Reſolution, in a Degree of living Faith, was firmly fixed in my Heart, to endeavour to lie and wait as at the Almighty's Footſtool, if haply he mighty regard me in Mercy to Salvation, and if not, but that I muſt periſh, I would periſh as near it as I could get.

And as this Deſire after divine Favour and Mercy, and Devotedneſs of Heart to lean towards, and wait for his Ariſing for my Salvation, was of his own begetting; ſo he was graciouſly pleaſed to ſtay my Mind in humble Reſignation, until he brought forth Judgment into Victory by Degrees, and cauſed the Sun of Righteouſneſs at Times to ariſe upon me, with Healing in his Wings: Yet he often ſaw meet to hide his Face from me again, and to ſtrip me, not only of any Senſe of his Favour, but even of Hope of obtaining a Place among the Redeemed. At this Time the Scripture which ſaith, *It is good to hope, and quietly wait, to ſee the Salvation of God in the Land of the Living*; and ſome other like Sentences was brought to my Remembrance, accompanied with Glimpſes of heavenly Goodneſs, which graciouſly helped to ſtay me in ſome patient Hope under the heavenly refining Hand, which ſometimes, as it were, ſet me upon my Feet a little, and withdrew again: And ſo I was left in a Senſe of Weakneſs, Fear and Sorrow. But the bleſſed Preſence of the Saviour of the World, which at Times filled and overſhadowed my Soul, in my thus following him, though mourning, is never to be forgot by my Soul: This was about the ſeventeenth Year of my Age.

But I am not eaſy to proceed much farther in this Account, without making mention of ſome few Caſes reſpecting my younger Time; and though they may ſeem little in ſome Readers Thoughts, yet I cannot but think they may be of Service to others, and at leaſt ſtand as a Teſtimony to the Purity, and Spirituality of the bleſſed and glorious Goſpel Diſpenſation of God, in pouring of his Spirit upon all Fleſh, and writing his Law in Mens Hearts.

When I was between ſix and ſeven Years old, as near as I can collect, being at ſome little Play with another Boy, through the Force of a ſudden Temptation, I ſwore an Oath, which notwithſtanding it was to a Truth, yet ſuch ſecret Conviction of the Evil of ſo doing in the Sight of the Almighty God, ſo affected my Mind with Sorrow and Remorſe, as made a laſting Impreſſion on my Judgment; and alſo imprinted that Warning and Fear in my Heart in this reſpect, that I never did the like ſince on any Occaſion.

Wherefore as I cannot but believe that the pure Law of God, which is Light, makes its Appearance againſt Evil in all, and often in tender Years; ſo if a careful Regard were yielded in Youth to this Inſhining of the Day of God in ſecret, many evil Practices and defiling Liberties would be prevented, and would never get that Room in the Mind, and in Uſe, which with Sorrow we too often obſerve they do.

Another Thing I am inclined to mention is, when I was about twelve or thirteen Years old, which was after my Mother's Deceaſe, a ſtrong Inclination took place in me to have a Coat made with ſome more Reſemblance of the Mode or Faſhion of the Time, than in the plain Manner which I had, with other Friends, uſed, and prevailed upon my Father to grant it; but I was made ſo uneaſy in it, almoſt at the firſt wearing it, and the more ſo in uſing it, feeling

feeling the certain Reproofs of the Spirit of Truth, for my ſo leaning to, and joining with the vain and reſtleſs fleſh-pleaſing Spirit of the World, and turning from the ſteady Plainneſs of the unchangeable Truth; that I was indiſputably ſatisfied, both that the Enemy of all Good worked in the earthly Affections of thoſe wherein he could get Place to draw out the Mind at times, of the Youth eſpecially, after the unſteady Corruptions of the depraved World, in its changeable and vain Faſhions in Dreſs and Cloathing, in order to lead into the broad Way, and by Degrees into the wide World, one Step making way for another. And on the other Hand I was in Meaſure then, and have been ſince more immoveably aſſured, that the Light of the Goſpel-day, the Spirit of Truth doth appear againſt, and reprove the very Conception of ſuch vain Deſires and Inclinations; and would lead and preſerve out of them, if People did but attend thereto, and Labour honeſtly to bear the Croſs of Chriſt in this reſpect: Which as it hath done before our Age, hath alſo in our Time, bleſſed be the Name of the Lord therefore, ſaith my Soul, crucified many to the World's Spirit and Ways, in theſe enticing and adulterating Faſhions, as well as to others of its Evils. And, oh! well would it be (and for this End it hath been with me to mention it) if Youth would duly conſider theſe Things, and learn to bear the Yoke of Chriſt in their tender Age, while they are teachable and innocent; before many wrong Liberties harden the Mind, and darken the Underſtanding, and embolden in a Diſregard to that one ever bleſſed Spirit in the Heart which only doth and muſt lead Man to God and true Godlineſs.

Another Thing is freſh in my Remembrance, which I am not eaſy without mentioning: There was in our Meeting an antient and truly valuable Miniſter; and when I was about ſixteen or ſeven-

teen I was often affected with diſcouraging Reaſonings in myſelf; *How we ſhould do?* and *what would become of us when he died?* Under this anxious Thoughtfulneſs I was induced to conſider, how and by what Means he was made ſo valuable and ſerviceable: That it was through his Faithfulneſs, his waiting to feel after, and adhering to that Manifeſtation of divine Power and Life from Almighty God, whereof he declared; that this Principle, to which he laboured to turn and gather Peoples Minds appeared in all: And as hereby he was made truly ſerviceable, ſo that heavenly, living Principle was well able to help, feed, fit, and preſerve all who truly ſought to know and be ſubject to it, and make them truly ſerviceable alſo. Which Conſideration both inſtructed and encouraged me to look to the Lord, and beyond outward Inſtruments: And I have reaſon to believe, the like Thoughts affected ſome others of our Youth in that Meeting alſo to Advantage.

For as the ſaid Miniſter was taken away by Death in about a Year after, the heavenly and merciful Springings of divine Life, ſo owned and relieved many of us, in our humble Hungerings after it, tho' much ſilent in our Meetings, that there ſoon appeared a lively and truly religious Growth among us; and in little more than two Years after the aforeſaid Friend's Deceaſe, there were Five of us engaged by the Truth to open our Mouths in the Miniſtry of the Goſpel, to the Satisfaction and Comfort of the Meeting. So that inſtead of a Decay and a Declention, about which I had been diſtreſſed with Fear, our Meeting increaſed in Number and in true Godlineſs.

Now as diſcouraging Thoughts, from ſeveral Sorts of Proſpects, may at Times attend even ſome well diſpoſed Minds, and which the evil Spirit may be buſy in making Uſe of to their Hurt, and Weak-

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ening their Faith; ſo that it is neceſſary to endeavour to watch againſt him, and call to Mind with ſincere Devotedneſs, wherein the alone Sufficiency of God's People is: And by duly ſeeking to witneſs divine Help and Succour from Chriſt the good Shepherd, even one Perſon, tho' poor and often dejected, may become inſtrumental to excite and encourage others in a rightly religious Application, drawing down more of divine and truly ſtrengthning Help; by which Means many People and Meetings have been revived and helped, and have become more fruitful, to the Praiſe of God.

For as I have ſometimes heard Complaints, or a Bemoaning of the State of ſome Places, for the Fewneſs of Miniſters and truly religious Helpers in the Churches, and I believe not without Cauſe; yet it hath long been my Judgment, that this is principally owing to too many of our Brethren (in Profeſſion) indulging themſelves, in neglecting a proper Labour to improve the Gift or Manifeſtation of the Spirit of Truth, given to every Man to profit with; and ſo hold their Profeſſion of the Doctrines of Truth, in a barely rational Apprehenſion and carnal Underſtanding; which as our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt taught in the Parable of the *unprofitable Servant*, was attended with taking away that which he had, and ſo came on a dark, reſtleſt Condition: While thoſe who diligently regarded the Giver's Direction, to attend upon the Gift, improved it, and more was given: And it is promiſed to the Faithful in the Little, that more ſhall be entruſted to them; which often hath been, and yet will, I believe, be fulfil'd to the Honeſt, Diligent and Spiritual-minded. Thus as many Perſons and Meetings, by labouring to be found in their Duty, ſeeking their Souls Intereſt, have been regarded; and by Degrees, thro' the humbling Operation of the Power of Chriſt, the bleſſed and everlaſting High Prieſt, fitted for,

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and engaged in the Service of the Lord in his Wiſdom; ſome in one Station and ſome in others, to the Edification of the Body, and the Building up and Beautifying his City *Zion* in the Sight of Nations. And oh! that this right Thoughtfulneſs and Application of Heart, which is both the Duty and certain Intereſt of Mankind, may more and more prevail when I am no longer here; and be a Means of ſuch Fruitfulneſs in Righteouſneſs and heavenly Qualifications, to ſhew forth the Praiſe of God in the Earth, that Multitudes may ſee and flock to *Zion* with everlaſting Joy upon their Heads. *Amen, Amen.*

When I was about the eighteenth Year of my Age, a nearly affecting Exerciſe befel me; my Father being proſecuted on Account of his Chriſtian Teſtimony againſt Tithes, and carried to Priſon at *York*, forty Miles from our Dwelling; and I being the Eldeſt he then had living, both the Care of three other younger Children, and our Buſineſs and Servants fell upon me; this with my Father's Impriſonment at ſuch a Diſtance, and he in a poor State of Health, brought a deep and heavy Concern upon me, that Things might be well outwardly; and I well remember a Kinſman (not of our Society) came to ſee me, labouring to improve the Thought of our preſent Difficulties, and urged me ſtrongly to give him Liberty to agree with my Father's Proſecutor, and that I would reimburſe him the Money; which when I conſidered a little, my Underſtanding was of a ſudden fully ſatisfied, that it was the Mind and Cauſe of God that this Teſtimony againſt Tithes in this Diſpenſation ſhould be borne, and that what Suffering ſoever might attend our Faithfulneſs to him, he could readily make up, and I then believed he would; as on the other Hand that he could ſoon blaſt and conſume any ſeeming Advantages that might be hoped for, by giving Way

Way to ſelfiſh Reaſoning, or ſhrinking from the faithful and reverent bearing of that Teſtimony. Thus Truth itſelf, as it were in a Moment, both cleared my Judgment, and brought a holy Boldneſs, with heavenly Comfort over my Soul; in which I anſwered the Man ſo, that he went no farther in the Caſe.

I am the more ſtrongly induced to mention this, in order to leave an additional and experimental Teſtimony to the Nearneſs and Clearneſs of the Inſhining of the Light of the Goſpel, *the true Light that enlightens every Man*, to convince the Underſtanding of what is Evil, and to lead into the Practice of Truth; and I fully believe, that as a truly innocent and honeſt Deſire hath due Place in the Mind and Soul to know, and be enabled to do the Will of the Lord our God, the Profeſſors of the bleſſed Truth eſpecially, would have their Judgments rightly open'd and cleared, reſpecting this Chriſtian Teſtimony againſt paying Tithes in any Shape; and would find it to be their Duty, and be encouraged in themſelves, in feeling the Ariſing of divine Life and heavenly Power, to ſtand firmly and act chearfully with their faithful Friends, in confeſſing Chriſt before Men in this reſpect, in Actions as well as Words. That as it is an everlaſting Truth that God is One, and his Way is One; ſo the People profeſſing the One Truth, may walk and act conſiſtently with that One Way in all Things.

During my Father's Impriſonment, for want of his ſtaying, guarding Eye; and preſent Help to watch againſt and reſiſt Temptations to hurtful and deadning Liberties, I ſuffered ſome Loſs inwardly; and as it was chiefly by regarding Company too looſe and airily diſpoſed, particularly ſome of our Servants, I again earneſtly deſire, that all poſſible Care may be exerciſed by Parents who have at Heart their Childrens Growth in Godlineſs, to keep them from

from corrupting Company, and the Dangers they are expoſed to from irreligious Servants. The want of which hearty zealous Care, having certainly been an Inlet to many ruinous Temptations, often deſtructive both to Religion and Morality; the Senſe of my own Loſs, and the Dangers I was in of ſuffering more induceth me to leave this Remark; both as a Caution to others, and with deep and awful Reverence to acknowledge the merciful Goodneſs of God, in ſecretly diſquieting and bringing a Dread over my Heart, to deter me from Liberties, which though not generally condemned, yet the Lord would not allow me in, mercifully following me at times with heavy and ſevere Reproofs; and as I endeavoured to ſit down under his chaſtiſing Hand and Power, revealing itſelf againſt the Remains of the Luſts of the Fleſh, he was pleaſed to deal gently with me, mixing Mercy with Judgment, and filling my Soul again and again with reverent Hope, as well as humble Supplication, that he would throughly purge me, and ſpare nothing alive in me that was offenſive to him. Thus was my Heart often exerciſed both by Night and by Day, in the Fields alone and in Company, often likewiſe when about my Buſineſs; and ſometimes the Brightneſs of the Salvation of God, and Enlargings of his Love were ſo abundant in my Soul, that I could ſcarce (nor did I always) keep from falling down upon the Ground to adore and worſhip his glorious Preſence. And at ſometimes I apprehended it might be required of me, to open my Mouth for the Lord in the Congregation, which was an exceedingly humbling Matter to me to think of.

My Father being releaſed from Priſon after about ſix Months Confinement, I had ſome outward Eaſe, though I had a deep mournful Travel inwardly, often feeling little living Comfort, but a heavy humbling Weight, which at Times I ſtill feared was in Diſpleaſure: But as nothing

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nothing but divine Favour could give me any real Satisfaction, ſo a ſteady Submiſſion to bear his purging Hand was my Deſire and ſecret Hope.

When I was about the Age of Nineteen my Father was removed from us by Death, which again increaſed my Exerciſe in divers reſpects; but as I endeavoured to ſeek the Favour and Counſel of the moſt high God, he was pleaſed to remember me with merciful Help many Ways: And I believe he open'd my Way to have leſs temporal Buſineſs, which was not only ſome Eaſe to my Mind, but more ſafe in ſeveral reſpects, it giving Opportunity for more undiſturbed Retirement of Mind to feel after the Salvation of God.

And now in my twentieth Year I was often more apprehenſive, that ſomething of the Miniſtry of the Goſpel would be laid upon me; and ſome Words and Matter would often come before me, in waiting attentively upon the Lord in our Meetings: But I was very much afraid of being miſtaken, as well as backward about ſo weighty a Work, and put it off one Time after another; but I was often exceedingly diſtreſſed after Meetings, under a Thought that I had refuſed to anſwer the Requiring of God, and had thereby incurred his Diſpleaſure ſo as not to be forgiven. Under theſe Toſſings and Fears I often concluded in my Heart, that if I was but certain that it was the Requiring of the Lord, I would endeavour to obey, whatever was the Event. Thus I often concluded both out of Meetings and in Meetings; and ſome Matter would often be before me, but in a more tranſient Manner, or leſs certainly diſtinct and poſitive, than what I reverently and ſincerely begged for.

And after this poor, diſtreſſing, ſifting Manner, I waded near about a Year; but when the Time came indeed, that I was to open my Mouth in a few Words for the Lord among his People, it was ſo

indiſputably clear, that I had no Scruple of its being certainly the holy Requiring: And yet in fear I reaſoned it away one Meeting, to my deep Sorrow. But the all-ſeeing One knew it was from an innocent Fear, and not a rebellious contemning his ſmall Appearance, and therefore he graciouſly owned me again; and in another Meeting ſhortly after, a freſh, ſtrong Motion, or Concern, came upon me, and I broke forth in a few Words, but ſcarcely durſt ſtand up upon my Feet: And after the Meeting I got quietly away, with ſome Eaſe and an holy Peace of Mind, but thought I ſhould perhaps never be farther concerned that Way: Yet now and then a Neceſſity came upon me to ſpeak a Little again, which I moſtly endeavoured to anſwer, but with great Fear and Care not to enlarge beyond the Requiring; which Fear often prevailed upon me, ſo as haſtily to deliver a ſmall Part only of what was ſet before me, by which many Times I got but little Eaſe and Satisfaction; ſo that I was ſtill ready to fear, and ſometimes to conclude I was wrong ſome Way, but knew not wherein: And under theſe Apprehenſions I was often much dejected, and humbled in deep Travel to be, and to do what Truth would have me, be the Event as to myſelf what it might; which hearty Care and Fear I was made ſenſible, was favourably regarded by the all-wiſe Being, by the humbling Senſe of his awful Preſence being near, notwithſtanding the threatning Danger of being overſet by ſore Toſſings ſecretly, and various Temptations which the evil Spirit was permitted to aſſault me with; ſo that for ſome Months I could not either eat or ſleep much, but was often alone in the Fields both Day and Night, mourning under a Load of inward Sorrow and deep Fear, leſt I ſhould yet become a Caſtaway; but by Degrees I was brought to a Deſire after Stilneſs, and a patient waiting for the ſaving Help of God to appear; that

that if happily the bleſſed Saviour might ariſe and rebuke thoſe diſtreſſing Waves which lay heavy upon my Soul, occaſioning a viſible Declenſion in my Health.

But in thus labouring after Stilneſs, and thro' Submiſſion to the Day burning as an Oven, one Difficulty after another, and the diſturbing afflicting Uncertainties and Imaginations wherewith I was beſet during this dark Time, gradually vaniſhed, and more powerful and living Light, with an humbling yet joyful Hope ſpread in and over my Soul; which, as on one Hand the Senſe of the Mercy, and a Feeling in Degree of the Salvation of God, was made the more unutterably glorious and precious to my Soul; ſo I was on the other, more preſſingly and clearly inſtructed and warned to be fearful and watchful both againſt unrighteous vain Self, and againſt Self creeping in, and acting in the Shape or Shew of Religion. Thus it was given me to ſee and conſider, that the holy One was not only ſetting up his Judgments in the Earth for condemning Sin and obvious Evils in the Fleſh, that the Righteouſneſs of the Law might be fulfilled in me; but that he would overturn, overturn all Reſts or Dependencies meerly human reſpecting Religion that he the Lord in whom alone is Sufficiency, might rule and have the Pre-eminence in all Things; and in a ſpecial and particular Manner, in the Miniſters of the Goſpel.

And I am concerned to obſerve this farther, in relation to the uncertain Manner in which ſome Matter and Expreſſions were before me in Meetings, as is hinted above, at Times for near a Year: When the clear and evident Time and Requiring came, I then ſaw diſtinctly (and I have often conſidered it ſince) it was a Trial ſuffered to attend me, whether I would venture to act in the Uncertainty, (though a Meaſure of the Preſence of Truth was about me for my own Help to worſhip) and by

bringing forth untimely and unripe Fruit, ſoon fall to Decay, and become rather hurtful than ſtrengthning to others. But tho' the Lord our High Prieſt ſuffered this exerciſing Trial to attend me, he did not leave me to fall and miſcarry here, but he renewed Fear and Reſolution to do my beſt, to wait for diſtinct Aſſurance of his Injunction, if I muſt be ſo concerned: Which as it was and is my Duty, ſo I believe it to be the Duty of others alſo, and acceptable to the Lord, who fails not, nor ever will fail to manifeſt his Mind, as he is duly ſought unto, for Underſtanding to do what he requires.

But I am not without Fear, that ſuch a due Attention for diſtinct Certainty of the immediate Call or Requirings of the Word of Life, hath not always been ſuitably practiſed; and for want hereof, ſome have appeared as Miniſters before ripe, and have brought forth Fruit of very little Service, if not detrimental; becauſe none can give what they themſelves have not: Whereas if theſe had waited with proper Diligence for the living Word to open and engage, in the entire Subjection of Self, they might have been great and good Inſtruments, as Clouds filled by the Lord with heavenly Rain. And as the divine and certain Requiring of Truth, is the only right Entrance into the Miniſtry, becauſe the Lord ſaid, *Some run and I ſent them not, therefore they ſhall not profit the People*; ſo it is only his freſh and renewed Requiring, not only opening Matter to ſpeak, but engaging to ſpeak it at this Time, whereby the Church or Particulars are edified, as our Father would have his Children edified. Theſe Obſervations reſpecting the Entrance into, and proceeding in the Miniſtry of the Goſpel, I could not be eaſy without leaving behind me, believing they will afford Inſtruction and Encouragement to ſome low and careful Travellers; and likewiſe afford ſome neceſ-

neceſſary Caution to ſuch as may be in more Danger of being too active.

I may now proceed farther to mention, that tho' I was nearly try'd, and had many hidden Sorrows under the Weight of the heavenly refining Hand; yet a Degree of living Hope was often revived that I might in time, through humble Attention and godly Care, be ſet more at liberty in the Freedom of a Son; and thro' a true Labour to wait carefully for the diſtinct Openings of the Light of Life, and being faithful thereto, I ſhould gather Strength to diſcharge myſelf to more Eaſe and Satisfaction, in the little Appearance in public I was engaged in: But I had ſo many diſcouraging Views, and was often almoſt wholly caſt down after ſome little Spring of Eaſe and Comfort in the Love and Peace of God, that I often thought I had ſurely more Droſs and Refuſe in my Nature than other Men, and therefore I muſt go oftner into the Furnace, and be melted down again and again: But I often begged the Lord not to ſpare any thing in me that was offenſive to him, how low ſoever I was brought, ſo that he would but deal with me in Mercy and not forſake me: And gracious Goodneſs was pleaſed to vouchſafe Regard, and ſtaying Help, as a tender and wiſe Father, knowing me better than I did myſelf, and acquainting me feelingly with my Nothingneſs, and with the abſolute Neceſſity of his own Power to enable me both to live, and eſpecially to act in Religion, on any Account truly to his Praiſe.

About this Time I found my Mind drawn to viſit ſometimes one neighbouring Meeting, ſometimes another, tho' much afraid to go becauſe of the Expectation that would be towards me, thro' a Senſe of my own Weakneſs, and a Fear leſt I ſhould do more Hurt than Good: But as I thus endeavoured to anſwer ſuch Drawing, I was beyond my Expectation

pectation often owned, and ſtrengthened by and in the Word of Life to ſpeak a Little with that Demonſtration, which was edifying to others and eaſy to my Spirit; begetting humble and living Reverence in my Soul, with ſecret Worſhip and Praiſes to the Almighty Helper: Yet it was exceedingly awful to me, and what I could not readily get to obey the Truth in, to open my Mouth in Supplication to the infinite holy One in public Aſſemblies, tho' I was often full of Praiſes to his mighty and glorious Name: But as he ſaw the Reaſon of my putting off ſome ſtrong Motions to call verbally upon the Lord, ſo he dealt tenderly with me, and renewed Strength to comply with the Motions of Life in this reſpect, but with inexpreſſible Fear and Awfulneſs: Which holy Dread and due Caution I beg may ever be properly renewed upon all Hearts from time to time, in the Exerciſe of this ſolemn Duty.

A Concern at this Time (being then about the twenty ſecond Year of my Age) came upon me to viſit Friends in *Scotland*, and I acquainted ſome of our Friends, the Elders eſpecially, therewith, who carefully encouraged me in it; and I hearing of ſome other Friends likewiſe ſo concerned, I gave up to go along with them, with their free Conſent; and the Monthly Meeting approving my Propoſal, gave me a Certificate according to good Order: And ſetting forward in much Fear and Lowlineſs of Mind, I met the other Friends at *Carliſle*, and travelled with them into the Weſt of *Scotland*, to *Glaſgow* and ſome other Places, where we had ſatisfactory Meetings, and came to *Edinburgh*: From thence we went into the North, viſiting the Meetings of Friends to *Aberdeen*, and where any Meetings were ſettled: Friends every where appearing glad of our Viſit; and being eaſy thereaway, we returned by *Edinburgh*, and ſo by *Kelſo* into *Cumberland*. We travelled together in true Unity and Comfort,

Comfort, divine Regard, and freſh heavenly Help being graciouſly afforded us, from Place to Place, enabling us to perform the Service which we were drawn thither; And tho' we met with abuſive Treatment in ſeveral Places, eſpecially at *Glaſgow* and *Edinburgh*, by the mobbiſh Part of the People diſturbing Friends Meetings, by caſting Stones or any other Matter at Hand amongſt them; which was a very frequent Practice and continued many Years, yet we were preſerved from any material Hurt: And for my own Part, as I had nothing to depend upon, but as it might pleaſe the Lord our God to open and ſupply with his own Hand; ſo attending patiently upon him, that his Will might be done, he failed not to afford both daily Bread to live upon, and often Help and Engagement to labour in the Miniſtry, which ſeemed much to Friends Satisfaction, and very much more to my own than I dared to hope for, ſo that I returned with Peace and Encouragement humbly to truſt in God, and to follow the Drawings of his pivine Love.

I had given up Houſe-keeping ſome Time before this Journey, yet kept a little Ground in my own Hands for ſome neceſſary Employ, which I loved and believed was good for me, both for the Body, and a beneficial Stay to the Mind. Yet being much alone, I had often comfortable Retirements, thro' the merciful Regard of divine Goodneſs, opening heavenly Inſtruction, and increaſing clear Diſcernment betwixt the tranſform'd and betraying Suggeſtions of the evil Spirit, and the ſteady, pure, heavenly Openings and Motions of the Word and Spirit of Truth.

But ſome farther Concern and Drawings to leave home coming upon me, I thought it beſt to diſpoſe of that Land and Buſineſs alſo; yet for Employ-

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ment I work'd often for ſome others, both for a Living, and that my Mind might not be too much diſengaged from ſome temporal Concerns; wherein there appeared to me then, and more ſo ſince, a Danger of being tempted to be eaſily drawn abroad (after having been ſomewhat engaged to travel) even before or without that diſtinct Requiring of Truth, both *to go* and *return*, in which only the Miniſters of Chriſt move in true Safety, and to right Edification: And by indulging ſuch an Inclination, may be in Danger of miſſing or loſing the clear Knowledge of the pure Requirings of the everlaſting High Prieſt; and ſo make Way for Formality, a barren Miniſtry and unprofitable Labour, whereby ſome have hurt themſelves, with reſpect to real Service in the Church, and true Eſteem among the living and ſenſible Part of the People.

And yet on the other Hand I was afraid (and ſo ſhould all Miniſters) of being involved in temporal Concerns ſo much, as to hinder me from true inward Retiring often to feel the Life of Truth, for the daily Supply of my Soul, and where I might underſtand when he called to Service abroad; and made willing and ready to leave any Thing to follow the Lord's Drawings.

Some Months after the aforeſaid little Journey, I found it my Concern to viſit more of our own County, and the County of *Durham*, and afterwards ſeveral other northern Counties: And it pleaſed the Lord, the bleſſed Fountain of Wiſdom and all truly ſufficient Help, not only to engage me in that Service, but to furniſh with Supply for inward Life, and public Labour, to my humbling Admiration before him, I being altogether poor and empty, but as he renewed Help afreſh in my careful waiting upon him for it. And indeed his Goings-forth in my Miniſtry in that Viſit, were often wonderful to me, both becauſe of the humbling and encou-

couraging Effect that my Labour had upon the Better-minded, the Younger eſpecially, and which was not forgot by many while they lived; and likewiſe the terrible and awakening Calls to ſome bold Libertines, and thoſe who were ſitting down in the Deadneſs of Formality. Though this Labour was like a Fire to the Houſe of *Eſau*, and therefore unpleaſant to ſome; yet the inward and living among the People were relieved and made glad in the Lord, whoſe Favour and Peace often filled my Heart with awful Reverence towards him, with ſtrong Deſires purely to know, and be helped to do his Will faithfully.

About this Time ſeveral were convinced in the northern Parts where I was drawn to viſit, and were gathered into the Knowledge of Truth; of whom ſome became valuable Miniſters of the Goſpel.

But I ſtill loved to be as much at home with our own Friends as I could with Eaſe, and to labour with my Hands in the Creation, though ſome Concern was growing upon me towards Part of the South; which as I kept ſtill in my Mind, deſiring to ſee my Duty clearly, both Places and Times were ſet plainly before me, and a haſtning to go forward. So with the Approbation of our Friends at home, I ſet out in a poor low Frame of Spirit, full of Fear, and reverent Deſire after heavenly Help, and went through moſt of the Meetings in the Weſtern Side of the Nation, and to *London*: And after ſome Weeks ſtay and Labour there as Truth gave Ability, I travelled Weſtwards, through ſeveral Counties to the *Land's-end* in *Cornwall*; then back by *Briſtol* to the Yearly Meeting, and ſhortly after that turned into *Wales*, viſiting (as I remember) all the Meetings of Friends there, alſo in *Cheſhire* and Part of *Lancaſhire*; and ſo home again with Gladneſs and Thankfulneſs of Heart for many Reaſons, having been about nine Months on that Journey, tho' I

travelled diligently: My Health being preſerved almoſt to me wonderfully, tho' as I came thro' *Somerſetſhire*, I was for ſome Days very ill, but preſſed forward in the Service to *Briſtol*, and the Day I got thither after the Meeting, the *Meaſles* appeared upon me, on which occaſion I kept Houſe only two Days; and being clear of the Place, in a few Days more I ſet forward again. For an earneſt Deſire and Care was very early imprinted upon me, and hath continued to this Time, to occaſion as little Trouble and Charge to Friends, in my Travels as could be, which I believe is but mine and every other Miniſter's Duty.

This Journey afforded various Occaſions of profitable Inſtruction to me: Sometimes divine Goodneſs and heavenly Life was graciouſly and plentifully opened in my Soul, both for my own feeding and renewing of Strength to worſhip; and furniſhing me with Matter and Power to miniſter prevalently to others, that the Name of the Lord our God might be felt and glorified: Yet at ſome other Times Acceſs to Food was much more reſtricted, and with Patience as well as Diligence to be wreſtled for: Sometimes it was longer before any Thing was given to miniſter to others, and the Openings were with leſs Clearneſs for a Time, and not ſo ſtrong, nor Engagements ſo lively or ſenſible to myſelf as I much loved: But often as I attended upon the Lord in due Stilneſs and Reſignation of Mind, at ſuch Times hath he opened a Supply of Food, though leſs plentiful, and ſomething, though ſmall in Appearance to offer to the People; which I found my Duty to ſeek for ſatisfactory Evidence, that it was a Degree of the Word of Truth, before I durſt open my Mouth, and then contentedly to labour according to the Meaſure of preſent Ability: Yet ſome ſuch Seaſons, through the merciful, though gradual Ariſings of heavenly Greatneſs and Wiſdom, were made both comfortable and ſtrengthen-

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ing to me, reverently to truſt in the Lord; and ſignally beneficial and memorable to the Congregation. And thus I was made a Witneſs, what it was to abound, and how to ſuffer Want; and taught to be reſignedly content with the various Diſpenſations, and Operations of the heavenly Power: Neither in more plentiful Seaſons to forget God the bleſſed Author and Giver thereof; nor in Times of Poverty to put forth a Hand to ſteal: And oh! good and gracious was that divine Arm of Power, which engaged my Spirit in that Travel, in many Reſpects, ſhewing me plainly many Dangers and By-ways, which Youth eſpecially are liable to fall into; and that our Safety only conſiſted in keeping in watchful Fear, and in carefully feeling after, from Day to Day, the Influences of divine Life in the eternal Word, wherein is the Light of Men for all Stations and religious Services throughout all Generations. And as it was made, through divine Mercy and Help, a teaching, ſtrengthning, encouraging Time to myſelf; ſo the Lord of Mercies, by the Attendance of this Power renewedly, made the Labour I was engaged in, profitably awakening and relieving to many: Several were convinced and gathered to the Truth, in this Journey; ſome of whom, in Time, were made zealous and uſeful Miniſters in the Church.

I was now eaſy, and comfortably glad of being at home among my Friends, as they were alſo therewith: And here I continued moſtly viſiting adjacent Meetings, as I found Drawings thereto, and attending our Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, which for ſome Years I had had an honourable Eſteem for; being often indiſputably ſatisfied, that the Lord God in his Wiſdom and Power had directed to, and eſtabliſhed them in Love and Mercy to his Church; inaſmuch as I was livingly ſenſible, in ſitting reverently behind the Elders in Meetings for the good Order and Diſcipline of the Church;

that the divine Wiſdom and Preſence of the Higheſt was often with Friends for Counſel and Strength, enabling them to lift up a Standard againſt the Enemy of all Godlineſs, when likely to prevail through the various evil Liberties of the Fleſh.

In about a Year after I found a Concern growing weightily upon me, to viſit Friends, in *Scotland* again, and likewiſe in *Ireland*; with the Approbation of my Friends, and (having a Certificate from our Monthly Meeting) I ſet forward in the Sixth Month, 1701, with humble Deſires of Soul before the Lord for his Preſence and Wiſdom to guide and enable me: I went thro' *Cumberland*, to *Edinburgh*, and ſo to the North of *Scotland*, viſiting the Meetings of Friends every where in thoſe Parts, and returned by *Edinburgh* to *Glaſgow*, and the Meetings thereaway: Being in many Places truly comforted with Friends, and they encouraged and glad in a living Senſe of the continued fatherly Regard, and Extendings of the Love of God toward them in that Nation; amongſt a hard ſelf-conceited, and in ſome Places an envious People: And ſtill a wicked Spirit prevailed with the mobbiſh People both in *Edinburgh* and *Glaſgow*, to delight in diſturbing Friends in almoſt all their Meetings; ſometimes throwing Stones, &c. whilſt others with all the Noiſe and vain Sport they could invent, eſpecially endeavoured to drown the Voice of any who were concerned to miniſter publicly among them: Yet at times the Power and Authority of Truth aroſe over thoſe wicked Endeavours, and the evil Spirit was overborne, and ſo weighed down, that ſome of the worſt would go away, and others lend ſome Attention to the Teſtimony of Truth; and Friends were the more edified, and their Faith and Hope in God ſtrengthened. This diſturbing, envious, perſecuting Spirit, was ſuffered to exerciſe the Faith and Patience of Friends there, in that

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Manner, during many Years: But a Caſe happen'd at *Glaſgow*, when I was there, ſomewhat remarkable; on a Firſt-Day of the Week, the People had very much diſturbed us in the afternoon Meeting eſpecially, in their uſual wicked and vain Manner, and followed Friends after Meeting along a large open Street, where there Number increaſed, ſome ſhouting and ſcorning, others throwing Stones and Dirt; one Stone of ſome Pounds weight paſſed with great Force very near one of my Legs, which if it had been hit, muſt, I believe have been broken by it; yet we were preſerved from much Harm: Whilſt the People who were gathered in great Numbers about their Doors, and ſaw what paſſed, ſeemed rather to be pleaſed with the abuſive Behaviour of the Mob towards us, than to offer any Diſcouragement to them; whereupon a Soldier, an *Engliſhman*, began to cry aloud three Times, as if he had ſome public Proclamation to make; and when he had thereby drawn the Peoples Attention to him, he called aloud again, *Behold the godly Town of* Glaſgow, *how they entertain Strangers!* and repeat it three ſeveral times. Which Reproof made the People ſo aſhamed, that they moſtly took to their Houſes and got out of Sight; and the more grown People drawing away, the reſt ſoon left us and made off likewiſe, ſo that we had no farther Diſquiet that Day; and I heard, when I was at this Place ſome Years after, that the People had never offered the like Diſturbance again, either in their Meetings or in their Streets.

From hence I went down the River *Clyde* for *Ireland*, and landed near *Belfaſt*, and thence went to *Liſburn*, where ſeveral Friends lived, who received me lovingly. I began to labour diligently among Friends, hoping to get clear of the north Part of that Nation before the Half-year's Meeting in *Dublin* in the Ninth Month, which I was enabled

abled to anſwer, in a good Meaſure to my Satisfaction. At *Dublin* there was gathered a large Body of Friends, not only in a very conſiſtent and grave Appearance; but a living and truly religious Concern and Zeal for the Truth was upon many of them, and great Harmony amongſt them. Here I met with our antient and honourable Friend *William Edmundſon*, whom I had a great Deſire to ſee, having a deep and reverent Value for him from ſeeing him before in *England*, tho' he knew little or nothing of me. For I believed, if I was not what I ſhould be, he would not only obſerve wherein, but would deal plainly with me; I went with ſome other Friends to ſee him at his Lodgings, where he looked ſternly and earneſtly upon me, and ſaid little; I ſat down and little was ſpoke amongſt us, but I obſerved he often caſt his Eye upon me: But when we parted from him, he ſeemed more free and chearful to me; and in ſeveral of the public Meetings I was concerned to teſtify for the Truth among them, which both he and other Friends gave free Way and Time for, and ſo openly manifeſted his Regard to, and Satisfaction with me, as made my Way eaſy among Friends through the reſt of the Nation; and had a deeply humbling, and yet encouraging Effect upon my Heart, to feel carefully after divine Help and Wiſdom, which alone can ſufficiently qualify for real Service, and preſerve in the Way and Work of the Lord.

I then viſited the meetings of Friends thro' the other Parts of the Nation with Diligence; but forgetting natural Ability too much, I fell into a dangerous Illneſs from a violent Cold, which forced me to ſtop about ten Days at *Mountmelick*; I ſet forward again in the Work I was engaged in, though before ſome Friends thought it was fit for me, but got well along till I was clear of the Nation at that Time: My Labour in the Goſpel Power and Word of Life being chearfully received, and made profitably

tably Awakening to ſome, reviving to the Living, and a Means of divers of the Youth amongſt Friends being inwardly affected with the Power of Truth, to their laſting Advantage, and the Churches Comfort. And ſo with the Love of my Friends, and an humble and thankful Heart before the Lord of all true Help, I took Leave of Friends at *Cork*, and went over to *Minehead* in *Somerſetſhire*, having ſomething remaining upon me to a few Places there-away, and about *Briſtol*; and from hence came pretty directly home again, with reverent Awe towards the ever bleſſed Helper.

And now I ſtaid moſtly about and near home with my Friends, in true Comfort (for we were made and preſerved truly dear one unto another in the Love and Life of Truth) employing myſelf in bodily Labour with Diligence, which I ſtill loved, for the Reaſons above-mentioned: But in leſs than a Year after, a Concern came upon me to viſit the Eaſt Part of the Nation; I ſet forward through *Lincolnſhire*, *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, *Eſſex*, and went over the *Thames*, and through *Kent*, and *Suſſex*, returning through *Surry* to *London*, and through the middle Part of the Nation home, as I remember, in about five Months, the ſupplying Preſence and Power of Chriſt being mercifully renewed for Aſſiſtance from Time to Time. Yet a deeply exerciſing Trial for about two Weeks was ſuffered to attend me, by a heavy Weight of Trouble and diſtreſſing Doubts lying almoſt continually upon me Day and Night, eſpecially out of Meetings, which brought very narrow Searching of Heart, and much Fear of being forſaken of all ſaving Help, and leſt I ſhould thereby become a Reproach to the glorious Name I had made mention of: Yet I was not left void of ſome Hope in his Mercy, who is all-knowing. This ſo far affected my Behaviour, that I could not conceal my Sorrow in mourning alone,

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and converſing little, though unexpected Relief and Supply moſtly attended in Mettings. But as I was brought to endeavour and deſire after a thorough Search, to know the Cauſe wherein I had offended, or miſſed the right Way in any Caſe, and to double a watchful Waiting and Walking; ſo I was ſtrengthned in a Reſolution, or Deſire at leaſt, to labour to be duly devoted to follow the Amighty's Requiring, if he would but give a clear Underſtanding thereof, with neceſſary Help, whatever it was to do: And by Degrees Life ſprang up in my Soul through Death; and a peaceful Devotedneſs, with a chearful, yet awful Truſt in the Almighty Searcher of Hearts, overſpreading my whole inward Man, imprinting Inſtruction upon me not to be forgotten.

And not long after this, a Concern, which had been at Times moving in my Mind, but at ſome Diſtance, to viſit the Churches in *America*, now grew more conſtant and weighty upon me; and my late exerciſing Time had contributed to bring me into the more quiet and ready Yielding to follow the Truth any Way, if it was but caſt up to me clear; ſo that when the Matter was freſh before me, I endeavoured to be duly ſtill and devoted; and when it ſeemed almoſt out of Sight, or gone away, I was pleaſantly eaſy therewith; which Reſignation and Quietneſs I have found to be my Dut , and the ſafeſt Way to attain a clear Diſcerning of the Motions of Truth in thoſe Caſes, and alſo of the Time; for I am very ſenſible the Lord directs as to Time, as well as the Thing in this reſpect.

This was in the fore Part of the Summer, and the next Second Month ſeemed to fix with me to be the Time, though I yet kept the Thing moſtly to myſelf; but as it ſeemed to remain ſettled with me, I grew inclined to acquaint ſome particular Friends, ſome eſpecially who had been engag'd in that Travel, with the

the Concern I was under, who engaged me to be given up properly in that Reſpect; and a young Man of our County, *viz. William Armiſtead*, finding his Mind likewiſe drawn that Way, gave up to go along with me. And I having ſome Acquaintance with a Friend, who was Maſter of a Ship, who uſed to go to *Maryland*, I had a Thought of going with him, and wrote to know when he expected to ſail, and had Anſwer he intended to go about the Twelfth Month (1705) which Account put me out of Expectation of that Opportunity, becauſe I durſt not move before the Time that appeared to me the right one. But as the Matter remained with me, I continued to make myſelf ready, and having the Approbation of, and a Certificate from our Monthly Meeting, and the Meeting of Miniſters and Elders at the Quarterly Meeting, we ſet out in the Second Month towards *London*; when we came thither, we ſoon heard that the above mention'd Ship and Maſter were not ſailed, and tho' near ready, yet we had a ſeaſonable Opportunity of more than two Weeks to viſit Friends in the City before we departed.

This Circumſtance I mention becauſe it afforded me Matter of ſecret Encouragement, both in confirming me that it was the Lord's Requiring, alſo that it was his Time; and likewiſe that this was the Veſſel ordered for us to go in: I had therefore the ſtronger Hope we might be preſerved. All which Conſiderations humbled my Heart before, and revived my Hope in the Lord; and the more relievingly, as it was at that Time War between *England* and *France*, and the *French* had abundance of Privateers out at Sea. This occaſioned us to be longer in the Channel than uſual, that the large Fleet might get together, being three Weeks ere we parted from the *Land's-end*, and we were ten Weeks more in getting to our Port in *Patuxent* River in

Maryland; yet we had a ſafe and good Paſſage tho long: And the exceeding Difficulty ariſing to me from ſo long a Confinement with little Buſineſs (having been much accuſtomed to be ſtirring) was abundantly eaſed, and render'd often joyful to me, by the gracious Regard and comforting Nearneſs of the heavenly Preſence to my Soul, never I hope to be forgot.

After we had ſtaid a few Meetings with Friends thereabouts, who received us with great Chearfulneſs, finding our Minds drawn towards *Philadelphia*, and ſo northward to *New-England*, we croſſed *Cheſapeak*-Bay and had ſome Meetings with Friends on the Eaſtern-ſhore of *Maryland*, and ſo into the lower Counties of *Pennſylvania*; we got to *Philadelphia* before the Yearly Meeting there, which was large and comfortable to us and Friends, by the gracious and powerful Influences of the Love of God, whoſe glorious Name was worſhipped and praiſed for his Mercy and Salvation.

We ſet out for *Long-Iſland* with ſome Friends who came from thence to this Yearly Meeting, and tho' I had an intermitting Fever upon me, which diſtreſſed and weakened me very much, yet being deſirous to be forward in the Work we were there upon, I was not willing to be hinder'd by it, whilſt I could any Way avoid it. After ſtaying a few Meetings on *Long-Iſland* we ſet out for *New-England*, having near two hundred Miles to travel by Land through the Colony of *Connecticut*; in which Space there were few or no Friends, and the People generally very ſhy of us, and partly by Reaſon of ſome ſevere Laws then in Force there, they were afraid to converſe with Freinds; though I was enabled to bear the Journey, yet it was not without Difficulty and being much weakened; having almoſt no Appetite to any Food: But getting to *Rhode-Iſland*, we were gladly received by our Friends there,

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to our Encouragement; after a Week's Reſt, and the Trial of ſome Medicines, tho' to little Effect, I reſolved to go forward in the Service, in the Ability that Truth would be pleaſed to afford; we viſited the Meetings down to *Sandwich*, and thence thro' *Plimouth* Colony to *Boſton*, being favour'd with the Preſence and Help of Truth, often to our own and Friends Comfort and Encouragement in the Lord. We went forward by *Salem*, and to the fartheſt Meetings of Friends that Way, and had ſeveral Meetings about *Dover*. It was then a very exerciſing and trying Time with Friends here, by reaſon of the bloody Incurſions that the *Indians* then frequently made upon the *Engliſh*, being hired by the *French* about *Quebeck*, which lies behind *New-England* to the North-weſt; ſo that many of the *Engliſh* Inhabitants were frequently murder'd in their Houſes, or ſhot, or knock'd down on the Road or in the Fields, ſome were carried away Captives; and thoſe whom they killed, they cut with their great Knives round the Head about the Skirts of the Hair, and then pulled the Skin off the Head; and for every ſuch Skin, which they call a *Scalp*, they were to have a Sum of Money. Theſe Barbarities cauſed many People to leave their Habitations with their Families, and to retire into Garriſons, which the People built in many Places for their greater Security. Yet that which was ſorrowful to me to obſerve, was that few of them ſeemed to be affected with due Conſideration, ſo as to be awakened to think rightly of the Cauſe of this heavy Chaſtiſement, and be induced to ſeek the Almighty's Favour, as they ought. But it was a profitable humbling Time to many of our Friends, who generally ſtood in the Faith, and kept at their uſual Places of Abode, tho' at the daily Hazard of their Lives: And it was very remarkable, that ſcarce any who kept thus their Habitations in the Faith,

were ſuffer'd to fall by the *Indians*, tho' few paſſed but we heard of ſome of ther cruel Murders, and deſtroying Vengeance. We were in the Parts, backwards and forwards a conſiderable Time, having many Meetings, before clear to leave them; which thro' the merciful Regard and ſuccouring Nearneſs of the Almighty Power and Preſence, was ſatisfactory to us, and very Strengthning and comfortable to Friends; we and they being all graciouſly preſerved, though in the open Country; and we lodged ſeveral Times at one Friend's Houſe, at ſome Diſtance from the Garriſon; and we had Reaſon to believe a Party of *Indians* was for ſome Time about it, the Marks of their Feet being plainly to be ſeen next Morning, but they went away without doing any Damage, tho' it was but a mean little Timber Houſe, and eaſy to break into. We alſo got a few Meetings in ſome Towns where few Friends lived; but not many People durſt come to them, becauſe of the Laws of the Country then unrepealed, which had been made to prevent the Spreading of Truth, and alſo becauſe of the dark and envious Induſtry of their Preachers to hinder them, by monſtrous Miſrepreſentations of Friends: Yet ſome did come, and behaved with Attention, and the true Love and Power of Truth being meaſurably with us, they carried ſuch ſatisfactory Accounts to their Neighbours, as tended much to beget more favourable Sentiments with regard to Friends and the Doctrines of Truth. Yet I often thought that a thick Cloud ſeem'd to be over the Country, and eſpecially about *Boſton* and Parts near it; tho' Light ſeemed to me to be breaking thro' in ſeveral Places, and I fully believed would more prevail after the Remains of that wicked and perſecuting Generation was gone off the Stage. We had nevertheleſs in *Boſton* ſome bleſſed Meetings with a few innocent Friends there, and ſome o-

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thers, who would often come, in the Evenings eſpecially.

From *Boſton* we travelled back up the more Weſternparts, towards *Providence*, having Meetings with Friends; and I was not eaſy without going up to ſome of the latter ſettled Towns, to ſee if we could have ſome Meetings among them; the People there-away being little acquainted with Friends, or their Principles. We accordingly went to ſeveral Towns, being accompanied with two Friends, and ſought for Liberty to have ſome Meetings among them, but the People were afraid either to grant Room, or to come to a Meeting; yet we found ſeveral willing to converſe with us (asking Queſtions, and receiving Anſwers) and who ſeemed pleaſed to be better informed. Several groſs Miſrepreſentations concerning Friends and Truth, which had been ſpread amongſt them, were confuted and cleared away; with which many ſeemed well pleaſed in ſeveral Places; ſo that we returned in Peace and Satisfaction, believing we were in our Duty, and that our Labour there-away was of ſome Service.

We came back to *Rhode-Iſland*, and after having a few Meetings on that Iſland and near it (where there is a good and valuable Body of Friends, with whom we were comforted in the heavenly Father's Love and Regard) we came back to *Long-Iſland* and *New-York*, and had ſome large and heavenly Meetings thereaway; where ſome were convinced of the Truth, and joined honeſtly with Friends. We alſo had Drawings to viſit ſome Towns towards the Eaſt-end of that Iſland, being ſome Days Journey from the Places where almoſt any Friends dwelt: We accordingly went to ſeveral Towns, and procured Liberty to have ſome Meetings, though there was a rigid *Presbyterian* People there-away: At one Town the Preacher and the Juſtice conſulted together while we were at a Meeting in the Evening,

vening, and contrived to give us ſome Trouble: And next Morning the Juſtice (whoſe Name was *Hubbert*) ſent forth a Warrant to bring us before him: We went, and many of the Town's People hearing of it, gathered about us, and went in. He began to examine us of our Names, Places of abode, and our Buſineſs there, to which we gave him Anſwers, ſo that he ſeemed to be at a Loſs what farther to ſay to us; but he bethought him to examine us about taking the Oaths; we deſired to know what Oaths he meaned, but he was as much at a ſtand to tell us, nor could he find them in his Book, which he turned over carefully, but met with nothing to his Purpoſe; whilſt the People who were there, ſeemed pleaſed to ſee him ſo faſt, and in a Manner confounded. Then another Juſtice of the Peace came in: The firſt being behind a Table, ſtood up and ſaid, Come Mr. *Wheeler*, pleaſe to come here, this is a Part of your Buſineſs: To which he replied ſternly, *I know not that it is, or yours either*; and ſo they fell to argue the Caſe one with another with ſome Heat, we ſtanding ſtill with an innocent Chearfulneſs; for the Love and Preſence of Chriſt was meaſurably with us, and much beyond our Expectation comforted us; the People were pleaſed to ſee the poor, dark, envious Man, who gave us this Trouble confounded. Then the other Juſtice who came in, ſaid, I have been at our own Meeting three Sabbath Days one after another, and did not hear Chriſt named from the Pulpit; and I confeſs I was at the Meeting with theſe People Yeſternight, and heard Chriſt preached truly. A pretty Deal more paſſed betwixt the Juſtices, and ſome of the other People began to ſhew their Diſlike of him and his Proceedings with us, ſo that he ſeemed much to want to have the Diſcourſe over, and us gone. though we were then in no Haſte: But after a little while he diſ-

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charged us, and ſet us at Liberty, though he had threatned us with a Priſon before. So after ſome Time ſpent ſatisfactorily, among the more friendly diſpoſed People in the Town, we being eaſy in our Minds, left that Part and returned up the Iſland, having ſome Service, and ſeveral Meetings in other Places, till we came again to where Friends were ſettled.

But we could not find ourſelves clear without returning again to *Rhode-Iſland*, tho' a long Journey, in order to be at the Yearly-meeting held there for that Government and *New-England*, which we got to through ſome Hardſhips in travelling; there we ſaw Friends from moſt Parts of thoſe Provinces, it being an exceeding large Meeting, and very eminently comfortable to many, through the ſtrong and lively Spreading of the Love and Power of God therein for ſeveral Days; and the edifying Accounts brought from the ſeveral Parts belonging to this Meeting: Friends generally keeping their Places and Habitations in the Faith, and were eminently preſerved in that diſtreſſing, bloody Time, when the Sword, like a Scourge, afflicted the Country. We then were free to go from thoſe Parts, and return toward *New-York*, we took our Leave of Friends in much Nearneſs of Heart, under a Senſe of the Lord's bleſſed Preſence and fatherly Care, and with holy and hearty Returns of Thankfulneſs and Praiſe to the almighty Deliverer.

As we paſſed through the Colony of *Connecticut*, we found ſome Concern upon us, to endeavour to have a Meeting in *New-Haven*, the chief Town in the Government: We enquired at the Inn if we could have a Room, or where we could procure one to have a Meeting in: but were told that none in the Town durſt allow ſuch a Thing, and that but very few would dare to come to one of our Meetings, except the *Miniſter* (as they

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call their Teachers) firſt gave Leave: One Man in the Houſe ſeemed deſirous that we ſhould have a Meeting, and ſaid he hoped the Miniſter would not deny it, if he were ſought to for it: and offered himſelf to go with us, if we deſired to ſpeak with him, which I found my Mind inclined to: We went accordingly to the Prieſt's Houſe (his Name was ----*Pierpoint*) he ſpoke to us civilly, and invited us in; I told him, that as we, as a People, and our Doctrine had in many Places been much miſrepreſented, and unjuſtly reproached, we were often deſirous of Opportunites that People might hear us, and ſo be the better able to judge for themſelves; and that we deſired to have ſuch an Opportunity in that Town, but did not find the People durſt allow it, unleſs he would conſent thereto, and the Occaſion of our coming to him was to make that reaſonable Requeſt: But he ſmoothly excuſed himſelf from giving ſuch Liberty, with divers Allegations, but after a ſeeming civil Manner; for by this Time a pretty many of the Upper-ſort of the Towns-people were gathered in: Then he was told, that we had nothing in our Hearts towards them, or any elſe, but the *univerſal Love* of God: On which Expreſſion he began to obſerve, that he ſuppoſed they did not underſtand the Love of God to be univerſal in the *Manner* that we did; to which I returned, That ſeeing the Scripture is poſitive that Chriſt our Saviour *gave himſelf a Ranſom for all Men*, and *by the Grace of God taſted death for every Man*; and that *he became a Propitiation not only for their Sins* (*viz.* the Believers at that Time) *but for the Sins of the whole World*; and alſo, that he ſpiritually *enlightned every Man coming into the World*; that *a Manifeſtation of the Spirit was given to every Man to profit withal*, and that *the Grace of God which bringeth Salvation, hath appeared to all Men*: From hence we had good Reaſon to believe the

he Love of God in Chriſt to be *univerſal*; and deſired him if he thought fit, and could, to ſhew from Scripture the contrary: He anſwered, they underſtood that Salvation was extended to Mankind, as the Goſpel was *outwardly* preached: Proof of which Opinion from Scripture was then deſired: He mentioned that of the *Law coming to* Iſrael, *and the Statutes to* Jacob, and that God had not dealt ſo with any other Nation: He alſo mentioned *Galilee of the* Gentiles, *the People that ſat in Darkneſs ſaw a great Light*, &c. which was, he ſaid, the Goſpel was preached *verbally* amongſt them: We anſwered that we ſcrupled not to allow, that the Almighty manifeſted a particular Regard to the Houſe or Family of *Iſrael*; and alſo favoured the People of *Galilee* of the *Gentiles*, in cauſing the Goſpel to be inſtrumentally preached unto them early: Yet they did not prove, to our Underſtandings, that others had not Offers of *ſaving Help* from God; becauſe the Apoſtle *Paul* had aſſerted, that *the* Gentiles *who had not the* Law, *yet did thoſe Things contained in the* Law; thereby ſhewing forth the Law of God written *in their Hearts*. Then he began to ſay, he ſuppoſed we were come prepared for diſputing Matters, and that he was not appriſed of any ſuch Thing; or to this Effect: We told him we were newly alighted from our Horſes, and came to him to ask his Conſent to have a Meeting for the Peoples Satisfaction; that this Diſcourſe was altogether unexpected by us, and that we conſidered we were in his Houſe, and would not impoſe upon him.

By this Time the Houſe was almoſt full of ſoberly behaved People, which occaſion'd both more Fear and Care upon the Prieſt; and I believe the Truth both ſupply'd and ſeaſon'd our Spirits for their Good: I think we might have about an Hour's Conference at leaſt, moſtly in a commendable Calmneſs and Civility; we parted, and with an holy Com-

fort, and Thankfulneſs of Heart before the Lord for his merciful Aſſiſtance.

We were then eaſy to go forward, and came to *Fluſhing* in *Long-Iſland*, and having ſome few more Meetings there-away, we came thro' Part of the *Jerſeys* into *Pennſylvania*; in which Provinces we travelled, viſiting Meetings moſt of the Summer, having many large and heavenly Seaſons: Which very much ſpent my bodily Strength (and ſo far that I think, I never recovered it.) But the Lord added a Bleſſing to our Labours in theſe Parts; ſome were convinced and gathered to the Truth; and one young Woman, who after ſome Time became engaged in the Miniſtry of the Goſpel, wherein ſhe was made a very eminent Inſtrument to the Help and Comfort of many in divers Parts of the World.

We were alſo at the Yearly Meeting in the Seventh Month at *Burlington*, for Friends of *Pennſylvania* and the *Jerſeys*, which was exceeding large, and to good Satisfaction in the Dominion of Truth.

We then turned towards *Maryland*, and viſited Friends and ſome others in ſeveral Places down the Eaſtern-ſhore, into *Virginia*, to pretty good Satisfaction, though the Affairs of Truth among Friends there-away, were at that Time but low, partly thro' a Neglect of Diſcipline.

We got over the great Bay of *Cheſapeak*, ſo thro' the lower Part of *Virginia*, and into *North-Carolina*, and had many ſtrengthning and comfortable Meetings in thoſe Parts, thro' the gracious Extendings of the Love and Power of God towards a well-diſpoſed People, both Profeſſors of Truth, and ſome others; among whom we had ſome good Service.

We then came up into *Maryland* again, upon the Weſtern-ſhore, but got over ſome large Rivers with great Difficulty and Hazard, in the Severity of

of the Winter; we then viſited ſome few Places in *Pennſylvania* and the *Jerſeys*, which we were not clear of, greatly to our Comfort; and ſo prepared to take our Leave of thoſe Parts in order to viſit *Barbados*. But I hope never to forget the heavenly Nearneſs and Openneſs of Heart, wherein we had to take Leave of our Friends there-away, with the Offers of Thankſgiving and Praiſe to the Almighty Helper and Protector.

And as particular Marks of the Interpoſition of Divine Providence, ſhould be had in Remembrance, I think it fit, to mention here ſomething that we eſteemed ſuch. There were two Veſſels both near ready to ſail for *Barbados*, and many were inclinable to our going in one of them rather than the other, believing the Maſter would behave reſpectfully to us: The other was accounted a moroſe ſour-tempered Man, yet we could not be Eaſy but in concluding to go with him: The other Veſſel went out firſt, but quickly loſt her Maſt, and lay many Weeks tumbling at Sea; we went well, and were near ſix Weeks before the other, which was owing to the providential Care over us.

We were kindly received by Friends at *Barbados*, and entered upon our Service among them, labouring therein near two Months to pretty good Satisfaction: But thro' the Heat of the Climate, and my diligent Labour, I was ſeized with a violent Fever, which, moſt of thoſe who ſaw me, expected would have taken me off; but it pleaſed the Lord of all Mercies to reſtore my Health again, in about a Month's Time; and ſhortly after, being clear of the Iſland, took Leave of Friends in much Nearneſs in the Love of the Goſpel.

We ſailed to *Antigua*, but in our Paſſage were attacked by a *French* Privateer, which after firing a few Guns, without doing the Ship or Men any Damage, made ſail and left us: We were ſome of

us very thankful for the merciful Protection; and that Evening we landed in *Antigua*, where we had ſome good Service in divers Reſpects among Friends; ſeveral of whom had been out of good Order, but we were helped to leave Things better, and were clear to depart in about three Weeks, and ſailed for *Jamaica*, where we arrived in the Eighth Month.

There were at this Time four Meetings of Friends in *Jamaica* moſtly kept up; tho' they were ſeveral of them remote from each other; we viſited them frequently, and had ſome Meetings at Times among the People, ſo that our Labour became of good Service for the Truth. There was a Prieſt toward the farther Part of the Iſland who grew very angry about us, calling us *Deceivers* and *Deluders*; and gave out that he would diſpute with us: We thereupon let him know, that tho' we were not much in love with ſuch Opportunities, they often proving more noiſy than really edifying; yet as he had frequently taken the Liberty to calumniate and aſperſe us as a People, and the Doctrine of Truth which we had to publiſh, in a public Manner behind our Backs, we were willing to meet him in a public Place, when and where he would appoint, that we might make our Defence: He then ſent us Word by Letter, that he would only have a private Conference before ſix of our People, and he would bring as many with him: But we choſe that the Meeting might be ſo public as that all might come and hear who deſired it; which as it was his own Propoſal at firſt, he could not fairly refuſe.

Time and Place being agreed upon, he and many People came; he had fixed upon four Things to diſcuſs, in Order to prove us erronious, *viz.* The *Diſuſe of the two Sacraments*, as they call them; our holding *Perfection*; and allowiug *Women to preach*;

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and to *keep to Scripture* for Proof. He firſt enter'd upon *Water-baptiſm*, in order to prove it a ſtanding Ordinance in the Church of Chriſt, which he endeavoured to do by a Chain of Arguments, artfully linked together; but when theſe came to be taken aſunder, and their Inconſiſtency diſcovered in much Calmneſs of Mind; he fell into a furious Paſſion, uſing angry Threats inſtead of Arguments, afterwards becoming ſomewhat more cool, he wanted to proceed to another Article: I told him, I would allow him to proceed to the next as ſoon as he pleaſed, if he firſt yielded up that, or could advance ſome more convincing Proofs of his Aſſertions, but not till then. He was ſo uneaſy and aſhamed with his Management of the Debate, that he ſoon left the Houſe and Company: We and many of the People ſtaid, and had a good and edifying Meeting, and parted comfortably. The Prieſt in a little Time after left the Iſland, and got a Place, as I heard, aboard a Man of War.

We laboured near Three Months in this Iſland among the few Friends in it, and ſometimes among the neighbouring People; but Grandeur and vain Liberties very much obſtructed the Growth of true Religion at that Time, and more ſo afterwards: But we were favoured with heavenly Help, and much holy Comfort and Peace in our Labours amongſt them.

When we became clear in our Spirits, and eaſy to leave the Place, we prepared for our Departure for *England*; and a Ship bound for *London* being almoſt ready to ſail, we had ſome Thoughts of coming in her: My Companion being indiſpoſed, deſired that I would go on board the ſaid Ship to take our Paſſage; I went accordingly to ſpeak with the Maſter, but quite unexpectedly to me, I found myſelf ſo diſquieted and uneaſy in Mind, that I durſt not ſay much to the Maſter, tho' the Veſſel had

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the Character of the beſt ſailing Ship in the Trade, I learned that there was another Veſſel almoſt ready to ſail for *Briſtol*; I went on board her to ſee how Things were, and here I found my Mind eaſy and quiet: I let my Companion and Friends know what I had met with, and the Occaſion of altering my Intention: My Companion readily agreed with me, to come in the *Briſtol* Ship, and we embarked for *England* the 18th of the Eleventh Month, 1707, but were Eighteen Days in beating thro' the Windward-paſſage to *Crooked-Iſland*, from whence it is called Thirteen Hundred Leagues to *England*, which Diſtance we run in Twenty-ſix Days. The Maſter and Mariners agreed that they never had ſo expeditious a Voyage; and through heavenly Protection it was ſafe. I mention *heavenly Protection* at this Time, I think from very evident Reaſon: The Ship which we firſt thought of coming in, had we not been reſtrained by a ſupernatural heavenly Hand, foundered ſomewhere at Sea, and was never heard of more, which was a very teaching Thing to me: And *ſecondly*, when we were got within the *Iriſh* Channel, the Maſter intending to keep as near the *Iriſh* Shore as he could, one of the Seamen on a ſudden called out *Land*; the maſter asked *where?* and was anſwered on the *Larboard*; the Maſter reply'd, *God forbid that Land ſhould appear there*; then almoſt all running to look at the Land, I walked upon the Forecaſtle, and looking into the Sea, ſaw a Rock a-head of us, not above Six Feet under Water; of which I gave Notice to the Maſter, who immediately ſaw it, and called out to the Man at Helm, with the moſt lamentable Cry I ever heard, *Helm a-lee, Helm a-lee, for God's Sake, or we every Man of us periſh*; which he quickly did, and ſo the Ship ſteered by it, but within half the Length of the Veſſel: A dark Fog with drizzling Rain had occaſioned the Maſter's Miſtake; it cleared up a little before this Danger occur-

curred, and enabled us to diſcover it, but it ſoon returned again thicker than before. We got a good Way up the Channel, but our Wind failing us, we dropped Anchor, and early next Morning got into the Port of *Minehead*, with deep and humble Thankfulneſs before the Lord of Heaven and Earth, who had his guardian Angel manifeſtly regardful of us. It was now a Time of hot War betwixt *England* and *France*, and great Numbers of Privateers were out, yet we were preſerved out of their Hands, as well as from the Perils of the Sea, which was owing to divine Mercy, and not to any Merit of ours.

TO this Period of Time our dear and honourable FATHER had brought down the Account of his Life and Labours in the Service of Truth; and finiſh'd it only a few Weeks before his Deceaſe: The remaining Part chiefly conſiſts of chriſtian Epiſtles to the Churches and ſome particular Friends in divers Places, together with ſuch an Account of his Travels, as could be collected from the ſhort Journals he kept, and in which he ſeldom put down more than the Times, when, and the Places where he had Meetings, with ſome general Obſervations upon them; as theſe might in ſome Reſpects aſſiſt him to give a particular Account of his Travels, and the State of the Churches, to his Brethren at Home; to whom at his Return he was wont to communicate it, with a peculiar Warmth of Gratitude and reverent Thankfulneſs to him who had called him to labour in his Vineyard, and accompanied it with ſuch inſtructive Obſervations, as made theſe Opportunities often very precious and edifying.

But as theſe Leſſons were too deeply fixed in his Mind ever to be forgot, ſo as he had not, at leaſt, during great Part of his Life an Intention of writing any Thing by Way of Journal, he omitted inſert-

ſerting them; we are therefore deprived of many valuable Obſervations, and chriſtian Experiences, and are obliged to preſent the Reader with ſuch an Account of ſome of his Viſits, as, tho' worthy of Notice, yet will be the leſs ſatisfactory, as it appears from the preceeding Sheets, that the remaining Part of a Life, ſo uſefully employed, muſt have afforded much important Inſtruction.

Yet lean, as ſome Parts of the following Accounts may appear, it was thought proper not to ſuppreſs them. They may ſerve to revive in the Minds of many now living, a uſeful Recollection of the Seaſons they have ſpent with him; to renew a Remembrance of the Doctrines he has had Occaſion to deliver; and to excite them to a Conſideration, how far they have ſince profited by them, and by his Example.

We have inſerted here the Copies of ſuch Epiſtles, wrote by him during this viſit to *America*, as we could find among his Papers, or in the Hands of his Friends, and were thought proper to be added to this Collection, reſerving to the Concluſion ſome pathetical Exhortations, which tho' wrote very early, may be till then poſtpon'd, without Prejudice to Order or Utility.

To Friends *of the Monthly Meeting of* Richmond *in* Yorkſhire.*

"DEAR FRIENDS,

"IN the Bowings of living Virtue, my Spirit doth freely reach towards you, in earneſt travel for the Proſperity of the Lord's Work among and in you all: My Heart being humbled before

**In a private Letter to a Friend, to whom this Epiſtle was ſent, he writes thus;* 'I have been under a 'Con-

before the Lord Almighty to magnify him for his Mercy, in bringing me to have a Share of that ſolid Comfort which the Living enjoy, in the ſweet Goſpel-fellowſhip of Jeſus Chriſt; herein my Life is ſtrongly with you very often, tho' I am outwardly far ſeparated from you for the great Name's Sake, as he has hitherto given my Soul large and plentiful Confirmation, in being pleaſed frequently to viſit with his humbling Preſence and Life, which doth ſupport thro' various Difficulties: To his Almighty Power let my Soul bow for evermore.

" And, *dear Friends*, both male and female, I cannot eaſily forbear ſignifying to you, that I have been under deep Exerciſe of Soul on your Behalf many Days, and for ſome Time wanted to ſee my Way opened to ſpeak to you: But in my inward and ſecret Attention upon the Lord, my Heart was opened, my Life ſet at liberty, and my Spirit engaged to remind you all, of the inexpreſſible Love and Mercy of the God of Heaven, in manifeſting his ſaving Truth to our Underſtandings, whilſt many as worthy as we were, do not yet know it. And now a Conſideration of the End of ſo great a Favour from on High ſhould engage us all, and be always before us; ſurely it is for no leſs a Purpoſe, than that we by the Power of it, ſhould be redeemed from all Iniquity, and be purified as unto himſelf,

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' Concern of Spirit on Behalf of the Monthly ' Meeting of *Richmond*, and all its Members, and ' thro' ſecretly ſeeking to the Lord, my Way was ' opened to viſit you with a Letter, which I deſire ' thee to take to the Monthly Meeting, and if ' Friends think fit, I would have it ſolidly ' read both to the Men and Women; and alſo ' Copies of it ſent and read in the particular Meet- ' ings, for Stirring up of all; or however that I ' may be ſo far cleared.'

ſelf, a peculiar People. Oh! this Word *Redemption* is often in my Mind, and lives cloſely with me at this Time, and I intreat you all to take Notice of it; it is a Word ſoon ſpoken, but requires deep Travel to experience it to be fulfilled; and without this Experience, all other Enjoyments can never make us truly happy: This is the Word of Life that is in my Heart at this Time to all; that you may be *redeemed* from the Power of all ſuch Humours and Inclinations as are carnal and fleſhly, and conſequently oppoſite to the pure Nature and Will of the Lord God; that ſo, anſwerable to primitive Doctrine, every Thought may be brought into Subjection, and Obedience to Chriſt This is the State into which the Lord is gathering his Faithful, tho' often mournful Followers. For though prejudicial and hindering Thoughts and Inclinations may ſometimes appear and ariſe; yet they being brought to the Light, the Spirit of Chriſt, the Spirit of Truth we make Profeſſion of, to be tried and proved, he ſhews the Nature and Danger of them, and alſo makes Way for the Deliverance of ſuch inward Chriſtian Travellers; and as they yield Obedience to his Leadings, they go on from Strength to Strength: Theſe are they who experience what *Redemption* is, and dare live no longer unto themſelves, but to him, who has called them. Thus the bleſſed End of the Lord's Mercy in viſiting us will be anſwered, to the Glory of his great Name, and our Souls will have the Comfort and Enjoyment of his Love. But I do again ſay, and it is an everlaſting Truth, that tho' we ſubmit in our Judgments, and give up to profeſs the bleſſed ſaving Truth, yet if we ſit down ſhort of witneſſing *Redemption*, by the humbling Power and Virtue of it, we can never reap the Benefit of God's Salvation, which is indeed therein; nor be brought into Covenant with God, nor partake of

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the ſweet and holy Communion of Saints, and the true ſpiritual Union which is among the living Members of the true Church. Oh! the Want of right Devotedneſs of Heart and Diligence in this momentuous Concern, is the Reaſon why many fall ſhort of the Enjoyment of that engaging Life which doth deſcend into many bowed Souls, and fills them with holy Zeal; and on the other Hand, not feeling this is the Cauſe of ſo much Coolneſs and Indifference in many, about the Lord's Buſineſs, ſo that the neceſſary Care and Concerns of the Church, for its Preſervation and Growth in Righteouſneſs and Holineſs, in order that *Sion* may become the Beauty of Nations, according to God's Determination, is almoſt become a Weariſomneſs to them: I ſay this Concern, I am afraid, is become like a Burthen and Uneaſineſs to ſome among us, and I have often borne a Part with the Living, of the Weight of ſuch careleſs eaſy Spirits; my Soul cries, that the Almighty and powerful God may awaken ſuch by his eternal Word of Truth, which tho' People may change, and become leſs fervent and zealous for his Cauſe, is the ſame that ever it was, and remains ſo for ever.

"And *dear Friends*, *Brethren* and *Siſters*, my Soul intreats you, as tho' I was preſent with you, every one to ſee to the Diſcharging yourſelves in the Time allotted to you, of your reſpective Duties and Services in the Church of Chriſt; for you are not called to be idle, neither to ſerve yourſelves; but that with your Abilities and Qualifications, you ſhould above all, and in every Undertaking labour to exalt and ſhew forth the Glory and Excellency of the everlaſting, undefiled, glorious Truth; which God in his Mercy has given you to believe in, which muſt be over all, and ſhine to the very Ends of the Earth; and thoſe who are faithful Livers to it, ſhall be dignified

with Riches and Honour that ſhall never fade away.

" *My Friends*, my Heart is open in the Extendings of eternal Life towards you, and for the Diſcharge of my Duty I am plain with you: And farther; I cannot but deſire you to conſider, how induſtriouſly careful, and earneſtly concerned ſome both Men and Women, are about *temporal Things*, ſome in one Sort, ſome in another, in their Trades and Dealing, and about the very Cattle, and by ſuch Induſtry attain to great Skill and Acuteneſs in their divers Profeſſions and Employments; tho' moſt of this is to gratify human Deſires and Inclinations, and to make them and their Poſterity appear great in this World. If ſuch did but employ their Capacites and Qualifications which God has given them, with the like Earneſtneſs, about heavenly Things (proportionably to the Weightineſs of Matters) and to be great in Favour with the Almighty, rich in Faith and good Works, and to endeavour to bring up their Children in the Nurture of the Lord; and as much as in them lies, to prepare their Minds to receive the Power of Truth, without which they can never be happy: Oh! then we ſhould ſoon have many, both Men and Women, excellently quallified with clear Underſtandings, ſound in Judgment, not wanting Zeal for the Lord (which at preſent is too much wanting) becauſe the engaging Love of God would be ſhed plentifully in their Hearts, drawing them to ſerve the Lord heartily: And may we not juſtly ſay, if ſome were as zealous for the Lord and his Truth, as they are for themſelves and their own Concerns, they would ſoon be mighty Men and Women for the Lord, and great would be their Comfort and Reward both here and hereafter.

" *Dear Friends*, my Heart is reverently bowed, that the Lord has opened my Way, to eaſe my Spirit a little to you, from the Concern I am under for all your

your Good; and I beg earneſtly of you who are more elderly, to let what I have here writ, have a Place in your ſolid Conſideration: Knowing there is no Reaſon for the truly Living to be offended: And you who are young, lay Things to Heart, for now is your Time, and as you wiſh to be happy, bow inwardly to Truth, that you may be ſaved by it, and become of the *Redeemed of the Lord*, ſo will he be a tender Father to you, providing for you what he ſees you have Need of, which, without him, you cannot provide for yourſelves.

" And oh! you truly living Souls, you Travellers in the Deep, that nothing can ſatisfy but God's Ariſing, firſt in yourſelves, and then in others; ſo that he alone may be exalted, and may have Liberty to ſway his Scepter in Righteouſneſs, that whatever is contrary to him, wherever it is, may come under Judgment: As I know there are ſuch among you, my Spirit is ſtedfaſtly with you.

" And *dear Friends*, this one Thing is yet in my Heart to you: (tho I have been already unexpectedly enlarged) keep in Mind, *that it is the Life of Truth which quickens the Soul to God*; if ever we become of his People indeed, 'tis by retaining a Thirſt after the renewed Springings up thereof in the Soul; and this alone can keep us to be of his People, and whoever loſeth this true Thirſt after Life, humbling, bowing Life, they loſe there Acceſs to God, and that wherein alone is Acceptance with the Father. It is the Life that is the Light; 'tis the Life that is our only Strength, and alone the Sanctuary and place of Safety in all Beſetments: And tho' it may ſometimes ſeem as if it were ſealed up, and the Heavens may appear like Braſs, yet the truly thirſty Soul, that retains its earneſt Travel, and cries after the Enjoyment of Life, will never be tried beyond what it will be helped to endure,

dure, to the encreaſing of its Experience of the Lord's Goodneſs, and adding Obligation upon it, to ſerve him faithfully, who is Lord God Almighty, worthy to be ſerved and obeyed by all People for ever; into whoſe Hand of Love, I commit you all with my own Soul: and in the Senſe of his uniting heart-tendering Love, I bid you *farewel*, and remain your near Friend according to my Meaſure, who earneſtly ſeek the Good of all People.

Cliffs, *in* Maryland, *in* America, *the* 17*th* *of the Sixth Month*, 1705. JOHN FOTHERGILL."

To Friends *in* Rhode-Iſland *and* New-England,

DEARLY BELOVED FRIENDS!

"IN the Love of our heavenly Father, whereby through his Son the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, our bleſſed Saviour, he hath graciouſly viſited our Souls, and by the merciful Drawings thereof, hath gathered a People into Acquaintance, and meaſurably into Covenant with himſelf, and one with another, my Spirit doth at this Time tenderly ſalute you; earneſtly praying, as at many other Times ſince our outward Separation, that the eternal and divine Spring of Love and Life may abound among you; and I firmly believe it will be ſo, as you wait for it with Diligence and Patience; as it is the incumbent Duty of both Old and Young, becauſe daily Bread to our inward Man we all have need of: And that our bleſſed Father may guide and keep us, and may ever be with us on all Occaſions, is my fervent Cry.

"And, my *dear Friends*, as it is divine Love that hath overcome our Souls, and gathered us to be a People to ſhew forth the Praiſe of the living God; the ſame divine Love draws his Servants from Country to Country, to viſit and ſtrengthen one another in the Way to Peace.

Peace. The Strength of this Love, often engaged my Spirit when with you, in a deep Travel, both by Night and by Day, for the Exaltation of the Government, and Righteouſneſs of our gracious God; that he may delight to dwell among us, and through our Faithfulneſs to him, his glorious Name may magnified among them who are afar off.

" And very often ſince has my Heart been drawn towards you, and it remains engaged, with thoſe who are truly concerned among you, and ſuch I know there are, both Elder and Younger, Male and Female; whom I beſeech in the Bowels of engaging, uniting Love, ſome as Fathers and Mothers, and ſome as Brethren and Siſters, as to Age, to labour that nothing may hinder your Growth and Progreſs in due Care and Diligence; firſt reſpecting your own Souls, and then in faithful Care and ſuitable Dealing with thoſe of your Houſhold, your Off-ſpring eſpecially, if ſuch you have: endeavouring not to be behind in due Labour, not only in living Zeal to adviſe, but to reſtrain from what you ſee, or may have ſeen to be inconſiſtent with the Mind of Truth, and pernitious to them, in reſpect to their Souls Happineſs: And in the next Place, relating to the Churches in the reſpective Places, where your Lots may be caſt; having eſpecial Care that thoſe who come among you, and are reputed to be of you, may live to Truth, and come up in Obedience to the holy Leadings of it: Which true and diligent Care over one another, hath often proved greatly helpful to ſome weak and ſtaggering People, and a Comfort to the Admoniſhers: For *Friends* may have heard *Line upon Line*, and *Precept upon Precept*, in a public or general Way; and they believe that Truth is Truth, and are willing to make Profeſſion of it, and love to hear

hear its Teſtimony; yet from Time to Time continue in what the truly Living know is condemnable, and not of the Nature of God's bleſſed Truth.

"I ſay, *my Friends*, we muſt come to this, to tell ſuch *thou art the Man*, who art unfaithful in this or the other Thing, which we know the Spirit of Truth, if regarded, doth ſhew to be evil, and would lead out of: It is a Hurt to thy own Particular, a Reproach to the bleſſed Truth, and a Cauſe of Sorrow to the true Seekers of *Sion's* Proſperity; be they rich, or antient, or near Acquaintance, or under what Circumſtances ſoever, who ſtay behind: This I believe is the Way in which the Lord will have them dealt with, if concerned Perſons ſhrink not from their Places.

"Bear with my Plainneſs, *dear Friends*, I muſt be ſo, if I be right; think on theſe Things, and look to the full Diſcharge of that Truſt and Service, which the living and holy God has repoſed in you, and fitted you for, many of you in divers Places, both Male and Female; and he would fit many more, if they would but ſtand looſer from the loading, clogging, reaſoning World, and the Hindrances that attend thoſe who earneſtly purſue it. Ariſe, ariſe, you who know that the Almighty would make Uſe of you in his Houſe, his Church, if you would but caſt your Care upon him; mind heavenly Things more than earthly, and ſhake off your Reaſonings and entangling Enjoyments, and the Lord will then make Uſe of you, and you ſhall not want your Reward, but ſhall have what he, who is wiſer than Man, ſees convenient for you here, and an eternal Glory with him hereafter. But if all the Labour of Love thus every Way beſtowed, doth not prevail with the Earthly-minded, or thoſe who mind themſelves too much, the Lord will paſs by them, and chooſe others into their Places, and will give them their Reward: Thus I

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eaſed on this Head, being truly plain in God's Love.

" Yet I have farther to treat with ſome among you, who may perhaps be of the elder Rank, but have not gone on in the Way, that in the Viſitation of the Love of God, they were convinced was right, ſo honeſtly and uprightly as they ſhould have done; but have ſtooped a little here, and a little there, and rather ſhrunk from the Work of the Mighty God, ſometimes with one Shoulder, ſometimes with the other, and ſtood not upright like Men for him, in the Day when he would have made principal Warriors of them; by which Means and Doings they have marred and wounded themſelves, ſo that they have not the Clearneſs of Sight, nor Underſtanding, nor are they to be leaned upon, as according to their Age they might have been. For if they had walked uprightly and faithfully before the Lord, regarding his Honour and Teſtimony as they ought to have done; he would undoubtedly have made them capable of being thus ſerviceable and honourable in his Hand, as he hath made a Remnant among you, through their Faithfulneſs to him in a Day of Trial, unto whom my Soul cleaves in immortal Love.

" But this is not all the Damage which has enſued by giving Way in this Manner; the Spirit of the World, and its corrupt Fruits, which Truth has to make War againſt, hereby have been ſpared and got Strength, and were the harder to encounter by ſuch as God raiſed up, and who muſt ſtand for the Truth in good Earneſt; their Work was harder, their Burthen heavier, and the Warfare in ſome Reſpects made longer through ſuch Unfaithfulneſs; but the Lord is on his Way in good Earneſt, and is and will be mindful of all who truly wait for his Counſel, both Old and Young,

and who give up their All in true Dependency upon him: He has been the God and Helper of his People in all their Streights and Beſetments, and he will never forſake his little Ones, as they confide in him. My Heart is filled and overcome with the living Senſe of immediate Extending of his Love and fatherly Care over all his Family; eſpecially the faithful Warriors for his Righteouſneſs, and holy Teſtimony againſt the Corruption of the World: Whether they are ſuch as are immediately engaged in Perſon, or are ſuch as have been valiant in their Day, and have done their Day's Work truly; or are true in Faith and Sufferers in Spirit, and right in Heart with thoſe who are ſo engaged, though not required to be much perſonally concerned; ſuch are all the Lamb's Followers and Warriors; and the Lord of Heaven and Earth has a careful Eye over them for Good; and in keeping true to him, he will be with them, and they ſhall have the Victory.

" Thus my Heart is open to all my faithful Brethren and Siſters, in a pure Stream of Love, which ſprung up, and a little drew me from another Matter; and from Perſons under ſome other Circumſtances, who for Age might have been more ſerviceable, and more worthy of true Honour, than now they are. Some of theſe have had a Service in their Time, and I know, Kindneſs from a tender Father has often reached towards them for their Good, and in order to ſtir them up cloſely to conſider where they had ſtooped, and given Way to the wrong Thing; and altho' I am led to treat after an unpleaſant Manner, I doubt, to ſome, and I am ſure, as a Man, it is ſo to me, yet Heart was engaged on this Wiſe, ſometime ſince, to treat with ſuch; and my Spirit, tho' at firſt attended with Sorrow on their Account, yet was preſently full of the Reachings of immortal Love to them,

with an Invitation from the God of Mercy to ſuch Holders-back, and rather Hinderers of the Work of the Lord; for ſuch you may ſoon find yourſelves to have been, not only by your giving Way yourſelves, but when any Thing has been to be diſcourſed of as a Branch of our holy Teſtimony, have you not generally rather oppoſed it, and been Pleaders for Eaſe and Liberty, and withholding of right Judgment from being placed upon Things that were inconſiſtent with Truth? Oh! that you may ſee yourſelves, and lay hold of that ſearching, purifying Power of the Living God, which is extended towards you, which though it would lay hold in Judgmeut, yet Mercy follows very near: Let a Time of ſearching and humbling have its Way, I beſeech you in that Love, which I know comes from the holy One: For he will bring Men to Account when he pleaſeth, and in Judgment will not regard their Stations in this World: The faithful, upright Walkers, the Lovers of God's Teſtimony, more than Life, or Liberty, or Eſtate, or any other Enjoyment, theſe will be admitted into the Lord's Reſt; when ſome more knowing (in their own Eyes) or older, or richer, and of more Account among Men, will be diſowned by him, if they do not come up in more Faithfulneſs.

"I am earneſt with you upon this Head, becauſe a Concern faſtened cloſe upon me, well knowing that the Lord would have ſuch truly awakened; that as ſome are haſtening to the Grave, they may go away living and bright, and leave an encouraging Example to the Younger, whom the Lord is ſtirring up. And that others who to Appearance are not ſo near their latter End, may be rouſed up out of their unſafe Reſts, and ſtand up like Men for God indeed: And he would make ſome of you, I full believe, who have rather been Retarders of the Work, valiant for his Cauſe, and ſerviceable in ma-

ry Reſpects; whereby you will at laſt receive the good Sentence of *Well done*. That the Lord God of Mercy and Salvation may thus prevail upon you all, is my earneſt Prayer, with an Heart full of true Love; believing there will be but few, if any offended at my Plainneſs, except ſuch as have ſome need to lay faſt hold of this renewed Viſitation: For it will not touch the Lord's deeply engaged Servants, and faithful Burthen-Bearers for *Zion*'s Sake.

" And as I have been drawn to intreat, and tenderly to caution both Older and Younger, Men and Women, whoſe Spirits are engaged to ſeek the Honour of God every Way according to their Capacities, the Proſperity of his holy bleſſed Truth, and the Growth of thoſe who make Profeſſion of it, in the Righteouſneſs which it would lead, and doth lead the faithful Followers of it into: that they who have this Care upon them (as I know many have) may ſee to the full Diſcharge of their Duty: So I have to ſpeak to ſuch as have been convinced in their Judgments that *Truth* is *Truth*, and make ſome Profeſſion thereof, yet live out of the Life of it, and ſhun the Croſs of Chriſt, that would break them off from their former vain Converſation; in Words and Actions which are of the Fleſh and the World, and not of the Father; and tend to nothing but to gratify the fleſhly Mind and Deſires in yourſelves and others, whom you may ſtrive to pleaſe either for worldly Profit or Pleaſure, tho' in ſo doing you ſlight and neglect what would make for your future Happineſs and eternal Peace. Oh! my Bowels are full of Love and Pity for you; and I am engaged, tho' abſent in Body, to call unto you once more, to conſider of your *Latter-End*, the Time whereof is uncertain; and that you muſt give Account to a righteous God, who has long waited over and invited you

in Mercy, and who will be juſt in his Rewards according to the Deeds you have done. Look into yourſelves in Coolneſs, I beſeech you, and ſee whoſe Will you are doing, and whether you live to the pure Word of Truth, the Spirit of holy Jeſus; or to the Fleſh, and the vain corrupt Spirit of this periſhing World. You have had many Reproofs, by the Grace of God; you have alſo had many Opportunities of hearing the everlaſting Goſpel and Word of Truth plainly declared, in the Love and Power of the Father; all which has been for the Gathering you to Truth and Righteouſneſs, and out of the Corruptions of the World, to be a People to bear a faithful Teſtimony, in Words and Actions againſt the apoſtate Practices, and to that Power which never fell, and is come to redeem the Fallen to itſelf. And you have many of you been adviſed and plainly dealt with, by the Servants of God, and of his Church; tho' ſome to their own Hurt, as it will be found at one Time or other, have ſlighted their Advices, and rather deſpiſed them. But be it known to all ſuch, as would have no Bounds ſet to their corrupt Inclinations and Humours, that the Lord will yet concern others to treat plainly with them, yet for no other End, than the Honour of his Truth and their Good: And if all will not prevail with ſuch to obey the righteous and holy Truth, the Harveſt will paſs over their Heads, and they will be ungathered; and will then, tho' too late remember, who were their Friends, and acknowledge the great Mercy of a long ſuffering God towards them. That you may be brought forward in true Faithfulneſs, while Time for it is continued, I am thus engaged to treat with you in the Father's Love, which I heartily deſire you may embrace, and be fitted to enjoy it both here and hereafter.

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" There yet remains upon my Mind, a near Concern for ſuch as have been moſtly educated and and brought up in the Profeſſion of Truth, and are Children of believing Parents, whoſe Care it has been, both to adviſe their Off-ſpring faithfully, and to ſet before them good Examples. Tho' you might be included in what is above written, yet I have to treat with you in particular, in hopes that the Cautions may be more prevalent. There are ſeveral, I fear, if not many, who take more delight to be like the vain World in their Conduct and Converſation, than to grow up in Obedience to Truth which worketh in you, and in a Gravity and Comlineſs anſwerable to the Care, the Labour, and the Example of your honeſt Parents; But remember, that both theſe inward Convictions, the Care and Advice of Parents and others are merciful Viſitations to you from your great Creator; in order to gather you in your young Years into Righteouſneſs, without which none can enter the Kingdom of God: And be aſſured, the Time will come, and it may be unawares, when you muſt be accountable for them all to the Judge of Heaven and Earth. Therefore be intreated to ſeek after Acquaintance with, and Submiſſion to the pure Principle of Truth in yourſelves, which you make Profeſſion of; that by the Power and Virtue of it, you may come to be Witneſſes of its ſaving you from Vanity, and delivering from corrupt Inclinations; and ſo you may be brought into Communion with the living God, and become faithful Teſtimony-bearers for him in your Generations, in the Room of your Parents and others who are paſſing away: The Bleſſing of the Lord ſhall then be upon you while here, and at laſt an Inheritance among the Sanctified will be your Portion.

" And tho' ſome young People among you may not have had thoſe Advantages of due Care over them,

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nor the Benefit of Examples in Sobriety and Faithfulneſs, from their Parents, which ſome others have; yet I believe theſe can ſee that it has been their Parents Fault, and if they had been true to their Principles, or rather to the Principle of Truth they profeſſed, it would have taught them, both to have been better Examples, and to have adviſed and reſtrained you more, from vain Ways and Company, and youthful Pleaſures, which we know war againſt the Soul. Wherefore be perſuaded, I beſeech you, as you are I believe convinced concerning the Truth, to learn of it, and ſuffer it to lead you, tho' it be from your Pleaſures; and inſtead of taking Liberty either from your Parents Indulgence and Neglect, or their Looſneſs and Miſconduct, rather let them ſerve as Caution and Inſtruction to you not to do the like; ſeeing you know or believe that they ſhould have done otherwiſe. My Heart is engaged for your Good and Happineſs every Way, oh you young People! who have been brought up in ſome Profeſſion of the bleſſed Truth of God in particular at this Time; and I am ſenſible as I treat in Plainneſs with you to cleave to Truth, that you may be broken off from Vanity, and vain and idle Company, which 'tis impoſſible to uſe frequently and unneceſſarily without Damage and Hurt, if People look with a right Eye: Therefore be warned and ſhun it in Time, before you be like it, as I fear ſome are already too much. Let the Extending of divine Love, both ſecretly in your Hearts, and inſtrumentally win upon you, and humble and ſoften your Spirits before the Lord of Mercy, who is gracious abundantly, and waits to ſhed his Love abroad in many Hearts, if they would but make room for it: In the Iſſuing-forth thereof towards many of the Youth, who have been Lovers of their own Ways, more than the Ways of Goſpel Truth,

Truth, I thus diſcharge myſelf to you; with Prayers that this renewed Viſitation from our heavenly Father, who would make you his Children indeed and Heirs of the Kindom, may have its due Weight with you all.

" And to you dear and tender ſpirited Ones among the Youth, Male and Female, upon whom the ſweet Influence of the Love of God hath made ſome Impreſſion, and hath begot Deſires in you after the Enjoyment of it, and that you may grow up ſuch as God would have you to be; tho' you are often beſet with the Strength of your own Inclinations, and the ſecret Allurements of Satan, rendered more enſnaring by the Means of Aſſociates and former Acquaintance, drawing your Minds out after one little Thing, or another little Matter, according to your various Circumſtances and Tempers, and pleading the Harmleſneſs of it too: Beware of ſuch Things I intreat you, and as your Faces are turned from them, when your Hearts are moſt tender, and your Spirits the moſt ſweetened with divine Love; be careful not to tamper with them when that may be a little withdrawn; for then is the Time of the Enemy's working: And Love, I beſeech you, and as much as poſſible keep to ſolid Company, there you will find Help; and ſhun the Company that love idle, Jangling, and airy Diſcourſe, for this draws back and hardens.

" Thus, *dear young Friends*, be careful that the Work which the Lord has begun in you, in order to fit you for himſelf, and to enjoy his holy living Preſence, may not be hindered: If you cleave cloſe to him, and regard him diligently, he will be with you, and you know not what Uſe he may make of you in his Family, or to bear his glorious Name to other People.

" And you, my *Brethren*, and tender *Siſters*, who have ſomething of this Work committed to

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your Charge, to appear in public in and for the great Name; ſome of whom are fitting for more and more Service, yet are attended, as I know ſome of you are, with many Fears, and know Times of far Withdrawing, as it ſeems to you, ſo that you think you are emptier and leaner than other People; and ſometimes the great Diſturber ſeems almoſt to be let looſe upon you; theſe are indeed diſtreſſing humbling, proving Times; yet they are Times of learning great Experience, and of fitting for divers Services, as well as plunging thoroughly down, that we may ſee what we are, when the Power of Truth hides itſelf from us, and to exerciſe our careful Dependance upon the Arm and Power of the Lord. I know there are among you, who are Witneſſes that this hath been the Way in which God hath led them, and fitted them for his Work; and in leaning upon the divine Hand that ſhuts and opens as it ſees good, they have been preſerved living and ſweet to this time. And I wiſh that all who take the mighty Name in their Mouths in this reſpect, were rightly prepared for it, and had come in at the right Door, and kept a due Dependency upon renewed, divine Opening, and would open and ſhut with it: But I fear with ſome it is otherwiſe; tho' thoſe who ſtand moſt in need of Caution, are often the moſt backward to receive it; and thoſe who want rather taking by the Hand, are the moſt ſubject to ſearch and get under undue Diſcouragements.

" *Dear Friends*, I am led ſomewhat farther than I was inclined to go in this reſpect; but I ſee not how to eaſe my Spirit otherwiſe, and ſhall add this Intreaty to you my dear and truly eſteemed *Brethren* and *Siſters*, whoſe Hearts and Souls are engaged in Care for God's Honour, and the Churches Growth in Righteouſneſs, and Soundneſs in every reſpect: Let this laſt mentioned Obſervation be under your Notice; and let all unſavoury and un-

ſeaſoned Spirits, who do, or would bring forth their dry, dead and killing Offerings in public, be diſcouraged, let their Words be as ſmoothly compoſed as they may; for this, you know, may be done by the Wit of Man, but they can never beget rightly to God. And as this ought to be diſcouraged, being a Diſtemper, as I may call it, that hath attended your Country, and is a very great Hindrance to Peoples Growth; ſo the Tender and Simple who are living in the Truth, tho' little, muſt be encouraged: And I pray God, that he may ſtir you up whom he has qualified for his Work, and help you with his powerful Preſence to labour in his Vineyard; that People may have the Opportunity of feeling and taſting the Difference, betwixt that which is but the *Words of Men*, and the *Miniſtry of* Jesus Christ, which quickens the Soul.

" Thus, my truly near and eſteemed *Friends*, *Brethren* and *Siſters*, in the Covenant of Life, and Fellowſhip of the everlaſting Goſpel, I open myſelf unto you; as I know Truth has many Times opened in my Heart, in ſecret Hope, that tho' there is ſomething of Advice and ſtirring up herein, from a younger Brother to many of you; yet you will not ſet it wholy aſide, but give it room in your Minds. In immortal Love from the Father and Fountain of all our Mercies, I tenderly embrace the truly Living among you; being brought under an Engagement of Spirit, for many Days and Weeks, to viſit you with this *general Epiſtle*, as it ſettled upon my Mind in that which drew me from my native Country, to leave with you now before I take my Leave of *America*. I remain your Friend in the Truth, and a Traveller for *Zion*'s Proſperity and *Jeruſalem*'s Peace, and that her Glory may ſhine forth to the Ends of the Earth. J. F."

Antigua, *the* 1ſt *of the Ninth Month*, 1707.

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Not long after he returned from this his firſt Viſit to *America*, he married *Margaret* the Daughter of *Thomas Hough*, of *Sutton* in *Cheſhire*, a Family of Eſteem in the World, and walking anſwerable to our holy Profeſſion: She was a Perſon of an exemplary Piety and Prudence from her tender Years, and eminently diſtinguiſhed by that moſt valuable Ornament, *a meek and quiet Spirit*.

From this Time we meet not with any Account of his being engaged in much public Service abroad, till the Year 1709, when he found himſelf engaged in Spirit to viſit Friends in the South-weſt Parts of *England*, of which Journey the following ſhort Account is preſerved.

THE 12th of the Seventh Month 1709, I ſet forward on my Journey, to viſit the South-weſt Parts of *England*, having been under ſome Concern of Spirit, engaging me thereto, ſome time before: I left my dear Wife and Friends at home, in a Senſe of our heavenly Father's Love and Care; and met my Uncle *Gilbert Thompſon*, who had been under the like Concern, at *Middlewich* in *Cheſhire*; where we joined together in the Service, and had a good edifying Seaſon with Friends there in the Attendance of the Virtue of Truth, to our Comfort; and went to *Namptwich*, where we had a Meeting, the 15th, to which came ſeveral of the People; with whom we had a pretty open Time. From hence we went to *Wolverhampton*, and to *Stourbridge*, where we had Meetings; and ſo to *Worceſter*, where on the 18th, being the Firſt Day of the Week, we were at two Meetings; that in the Afternoon eſpecially, was a good Seaſon, through the free Extending of Truth, both towards Friends and others.

After this we had Meetings at *Tewkſbury*, *Glouceſter*, and *Painſwick*, where we had a pretty ſatisfactory

Meeting, thro' ſome deep Labour of Spirit, and ſo to *Nailſworth*, and had a large Meeting, in which the Love of God engaged us in a deep Labour, and ſupplied with Strength to diſcharge our Spirits, tho' in a rouſing, ſhaking Manner, and Truth prevailed much to our Comfort, and to the Help of the Faithful. From hence we went to *Thornbury*, where we had a ſeaſonable Opportunity in the Meeting there; and ſo to *Briſtol*, and were at both their Meetings on the 25th, being Firſt Day; wherein Truth owned us freely, both in giving its Teſtimony forth, and in coming up in a good Degree of Dominion. On the Third Day following, we had another good ſolid Meeting, through the Labour of both, tending to bend ſome too lofty and to ſtir up ſome who embraced this World more than the Life of Truth, to more Care in their Duty to God, and for their own Good. From hence we went to *Glaſtonbury*, where we had a Meeting, attended with ſome heavy Labour in the Extendings of the Love of Truth in order to ſtir up ſome dull ſpirited Profeſſors, as well as to ſtrengthen the Faithful; and ſo to *Grinton*, where we had a pretty edifying Seaſon with Friends in their Meeting; and alſo the next Day at *Long-Sutton* which Truth owned with its Preſence, much to ours and Friends Comfort.

The 2d of the Eighth Month, being the firſt of the Week, we were at a Meeting at *Wellington*, which was pretty large, but very exerciſing, by Reaſon of a dull, earthly Spirit having prevailed upon the Minds of ſome of the Profeſſors of Truth: But the divine Power in Mercy, worked ſtrongly in a rouſing Manner; tho' attended with much Tenderneſs towards the Faithful, who were glad, and praiſed God in Reverence. And that Evening we had a good open Meeting, both among Friends and many ſober People, and the Power and Teſtimony of Truth was exalted.

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We had alſo a Meeting at *Minehead*, (where there was a Marriage) and the Teſtimony of Truth went freely forth amongſt the People, there being of divers Profeſſions, and our Spirits were comforted with Friends. We then went to the Quarterly Meeting for *Devorſhire* at *Collumpton*, which began that Day for Worſhip, and was ſolidly comfortable. The next Day was their Meeting for Buſineſs, and a ſeaſonable edifying Time. From hence we went to a Meeting at *Spiceland*, where Truth accompanied us mercifully, to the ſtirring up of thoſe who were at Eaſe, and to the Encouragement and Help of the Upright; and ſo to *Exeter*, and were at Friends Meeting, which was pretty large, and Truth opened freely towards them, engaging us to declare, that in becoming ſubject to the Power of God's Spirit, we only can become his People indeed; and that to live under the Senſe thereof, was our Preſervation: At *Stickle-Path* we likewiſe had a Meeting with Friends and many other People; amongſt whom we were favoured with a pretty open Time. From this Place we went to *Launceſton*, *Perſhore*, *Falmouth*, and the *Land's-End*, and had a Meeting at each Place; as alſo at *Marazion*, where ſeveral other People came in, and through the attending of Truth, we had a good edifying Seaſon. We then went to *Falmouth*, and had a Meeting there that Evening, which Truth owned very eminently, to our, and Friends ſolid Comfort; as alſo at *Key* the next Day, to which Place many Friends from *Falmouth* accompanied us; from whom we parted in great Sweetneſs, and ſet out for *Trigany* and *Leskard*, to a General Meeting, which was large, and a bleſſed Opportunity we had, through the gracious Attendance of Truth, and the Lord's holy Name was magnified. From hence we went to *Plymouth*, and had a Meeting there, and the next Day at *Kingsbridge*, where a conſiderable

ſiderable Number of other People came in, and the Power and Teſtimony of Truth was exalted. From hence we went to *Topſham*, *Chard*, *Thorncomb*, *Bridport*, and to *Dorcheſter*; in all which Places we had Meetings, and at the laſt Place many of the Town's People came in, together with a conſiderable Number of Friends, and the Lord's Power and Teſtimony prevailed to our Satisfaction in a good Degree, and the Lord was praiſed.

On the 4th of the Ninth Month we went to *Pool*, from thence to *Ringwood*, *Fordingbridge*, *Southampton*, *Alsford*, and ſo through *Alton* and *Guilford*, to *London* the 12th; in all which Places we had Meetings, and in moſt to the Help and Comfort of Friends, and the Honour of the great Name.

The 13th, being the Firſt of the Week, we were at the *Bull-and-Mouth* Meeting in the Morning; wherein the ancient Power of Chriſt our heavenly Head, came over Friends Spirits, much to our Comfort and Strength: In the Afternoon we were at the *Peel* Meeting, which was very large, and many ſober People came into it; and the Lord's Power was over all in a great and ſolemn Manner, and his holy Name was magnified. We viſited the Week Day Meetings, and on the 20th, being Firſt Day, were at *Savoy* in the Morning, which was a very large Meeting of Friends and others, and an open good Time, through the bleſſed Prevalency of the Power of Truth; and alſo in the Afternoon at *Weſtminſter*, to our great Comfort and Satisfaction. We continued to viſit the Meetings in Courſe through the Week, and on the 27th were at *Devonſhire Houſe* in the Morning, which was a very great Meeting, and were very bowingly opened by the Power and Virtue of God's bleſſed Truth; in the Afternoon at *Grace Church Street*, which was very large of Friends and others, and was, through divine Goodneſs, a truly edify-

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ing and ſtrengthening Time to the Upright, of whom I took Leave in great Sweetneſs.

On the 28th we ſet out on our Way homewards, and had a Meeting in the Evening at *Watford*, and the next Day another at *Jordans*, where ſeveral Friends met us from ſome other Meetings; and it was an edifying, ſtrengthning Time in the Prevalency of God's Power. We had a good open Meeting the Day following at *Aileſbury*, where there were ſome newly convinced of Truth, and ſome other ſober People, to whom the Power of Truth reached freely, and came into good Dominion, bleſſed be the Name of the Lord God. We had a Meeting at *Banbury*, which was pretty large, and a good comfortable Time, through much deep Labour with divers Sorts of Spirits, and Circumſtances of People. From hence we went homewards by *Warwick* and *Birmingham*, where we had Meetings; on the Ninth we parted, and on the 10th I got home, and found my dear Wife well; and we were humbly and truly comforted together, in the Conſideration of the Lord's Providence to us, and in a Senſe of his great and unſpeakable Goodneſs, in affording us his bleſſed Preſence, both abroad and at home.

From the Time of his returning from this Viſit in 1709, to his Second Voyage to *America* in 1721, it does not appear from any Memoirs in our Poſſeſſion, that our FATHER was engaged in much public Service abroad: It ſeems moſt probable that he was now at Liberty to diſcharge the neceſſary Care over an increaſing Family: In this Interval however, he viſited Friends in ſeveral of the neighbouring Counties frequently, attended the Quarterly Meetings at *York* pretty conſtantly, and the Yearly Meetings at *London*, as he found himſelf engaged for that Service: For tho' few were more

more diligent in Buſineſs, more carefully affectionate to every Part of his Family, or loved more to be at home; yet whenever he perceived it was his Duty to leave them, he could chearfully caſt his Care upon One that was able to ſupply all Wants, and on whom he ſecretly and ſteadily relied, not with preſumptuous Boldneſs, but with humble, reverent Truſt; and often, yea very often, would he take Occaſion to recite to his Family the ſignal Interpoſitions of Divine Providence in many Trials, and Exerciſes of various Kinds.

In the Year 1719, he met with a very cloſely affecting Diſpenſation, in being deprived of a *faithful* and *affectionate Companion*; as were ſeven young Children, the Eldeſt not Ten Years old, of a *religious* and *moſt tender and careful Parent*, before they were capable of knowing their Loſs. This he bore with holy Reſignation, and Acquieſcence to the divine Diſpoſal, as appears from his Anſwer to a Friend, who was ſympathizing with him on this mournful Occaſion; *The Lord gives, and he takes away; his Will be done, he is worthy.* But, *what if I muſt be called from my Little-ones alſo?* For at this time he was apprehenſive, that it would ere long be required of him, once more to viſit *America:* Which muſt render the Trial ſtill the harder, as a few, or perhaps none, ever exceeded him in paternal Care and Affection for his Children. Yet when he became fully ſatisfied that it was the Lord's Requiring, he gave up freely, ſaying to his Children, as ſome of them could remember, *that tho' he had all the anxious Concern of a Father for them, yet he muſt obey the holy Call of the Lord, who he believed would care for them in his Abſence.*

Tho' an Account of our MOTHER's religious and exemplary Life, hath already been publiſhed in the *Dying Sayings of Friends**, yet we think it may not be without its Uſe to inſert it in this Place, viz.

* *Piety promoted*, Part VI. Page 90.

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"MARGARET FOTHERGILL, late Wife of *John Fothergill* in *Wenſleydale*, *Yorkſhire*, was carefully educated (when a Child) by her Parents, among the People called *Quakers*; and while ſhe was but very young, did not only delight to go to Friends Meetings, but came under a Concern of Heart that ſhe might become acquainted with the Lord for herſelf, and be made a Partaker of his quickening Power and Virtue in her own Soul: which Concern the Lord was pleaſed to regard, and graciouſly came in upon her Heart by his Power and Love, and thereby helped her to draw near him, and worſhip him knowingly, while ſhe was but very young. And as ſhe grew up, ſhe continued to delight in waiting upon God, and feeling after his Goodneſs ſecretly, thro' the pure Influence whereof, ſhe came to be cloathed with a meek and quiet Spirit, and alſo helped to ſhew it forth in a grave, modeſt and exemplary Behaviour; becauſe whereof, ſhe was much beloved by moſt that knew her: And ſome time before ſhe was married (being likely to leave her own Country) ſhe came under ſome Exerciſe to exhort Friends, in ſeveral of their Meetings, to a cloſe walking with, and a true Depending upon God; and to beware of an unconcerned Mind when they appeared before him in Meetings; which Exerciſe ſhe made mention of (being freſh in her Mind) on her Lying-bed.

"After ſhe was married, ſhe continued a true Lover of Meetings, and an humble Waiter for the Reſurrection of the Life of Truth, right well knowing, therein is all Ability for the Performance of Worſhip acceptable to the Lord. And as ſhe was often attended with Fear and Care, leſt any Thing ſhould divert her Mind from the fervent Search after the Truth itſelf, which is abſolutely neceſſary; ſo would ſhe often expreſs her Sorrow

of Heart concerning a Dulneſs and Indifferency ſhe apprehended to be growing upon ſome Peoples Minds, who had profeſſed the Truth long.

" And notwithſtanding her being often unfit for attending Meetings, as ſhe had a good Will to do, eſpecially Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, by reaſon of having ſeveral young Children, and ſometimes being very tender and weakly as to her Conſtitution of Body; yet would ſhe often expreſs her Care, that the Affairs of Truth in thoſe Meetings might be managed with ſuitable Zeal and Care for the Glory of God; ſometimes ſaying, *She could be glad, and was not without Hopes of living to be a little more at Liberty to attend thoſe Services, and to diſcharge herſelf more fully among Friends for Righteouſneſs-Sake.* Whereof ſhe was a Pattern in her Converſation, being humbly careful, that the Lord's holy Name might be glorified. And when ſhe was delivered of her laſt Child, and got to Bed, ſhe expreſs'd much Thankfulneſs to the Lord, ſaying in a reverent Mind, *How ſhall we be thankful enough for all his Help, and wonderful Goodneſs!* And altho' ſhe was as hopefully got ſo far as at any other Time (that being her Eighth Child) yet did ſhe grow ſuſpicious of herſelf, and the third Day after did diſcover her Apprehenſions of being taken away in theſe Words: *I wonder that I cannot be troubled that I am like to leave my Little-ones, and my dear Husband*; which Expreſſions nearly affecting her Husband; ſhe added, *They* (meaning her Children) *will be cared for*; *and Thou* (meaning her Husband) *will be helped*; *and there is a Place prepared for me.* And after continued in a ſteady Expectation of being taken away, and ſpoke of Things relating thereto, with ſuch Chearfulneſs and Reſignation as was much admired: And ſpake to divers Perſons in particular, adviſing, *To prize their Time, and make right Uſe of the Viſitation of God to them.* And

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ſhe alſo expreſſed herſelf in a living Concern, that young People (among *Friends*) might not conten themſelves with bare going to Meetings: And ſaid in a weighty Manner, *It will not do, it will not do*; and ſo ſpake of her own Concern and Deſire to meet with the Lord in her young Years, when ſhe went to Meetings; and that ſhe could not be content without his Preſence or his Love; and humbly acknowledged his Mercy and Goodneſs to her, from her youth upward: And alſo ſaid, that *She had often thought herſelf poor and bare, but ſhe followed on after him, and could not let him alone*; and humbly acknowledged, *He had often appeared to her as a Morning without Clouds*; and her Heart then being filled with the Love of God, with unſpeakable Joy in the holy Spirit, ſhe ſang Praiſes and Hallelujahs to the Lord God and the Lamb her Saviour, for his loving Kindneſſes and Goodneſs to her in many Reſpects till that very Time.

" Another Time one coming in to ſee her, of whom ſhe quickly took Notice, called her by Name, and charged her to *be careful about going to Meetings among the Lord's People*; *and that ſhe did not go into a careleſs and unconcerned Mind, but ſit down at his Footſtool, and wait to hear his gracious Words*: And charged her to tell her Daughter thereof; and ſo ſpake farther of the Sorrows which had ſeized upon her Spirit, becauſe of an unconcerned Mind, and Indifferency, with reſpect to waiting for the Knowledge of the Truth itſelf, that ſhe had ſeen coming in among Friends, which that Day (or then abouts) ſhe ſaid, *She well remember'd ſhe had to adviſe Friends againſt, the laſt Time ſhe had any Thing to ſay in Meetings before ſhe left her own Country*. And with great Weight farther ſaid, *It is great, or abſolute Mockery, to go ſit down before the Lord in Meetings in a careleſs Mind*: And after ſome little Stilneſs in the Strength of the Word of Life, ſhe ſaid, *There*

was a terrible Day of Judgment coming, or haſtening upon the Backſliders in Sion. And after that ſhe ſeemed to be eaſier in her Spirit, and lying ſome Time more ſtill, her Husband ſoftly asked her, How ſhe was? She reply'd, *Well*, or *pretty well, my Love; I find Nothing but Eaſe and Peace.* And tho' her Weakneſs had then prevailed much upon her, and ſhe lay pretty ſtill for ſome Time, yet her Strength was renewed in the Power of Truth, wherein ſhe brake forth in Supplication, in a very humble and fervent Manner, for the Church in general; and alſo mentioned her Little-ones. And farther ſaid, *Let me be bowed down before the Lord, that the Fruit of my Body may be enriched with the ſame Favour, Love and Goodneſs*; and ſo went on in praiſing and glorifying God, in the Abounding of his Love, and merciful Goodneſs, to the tendring the Hearts of moſt about her. And after ſome Time, ſhe being intreated to endeavour after Reſt, or Sleep, ſhe anſwered, *I had a fine* or *eaſy Day, Yeſterday, but this will be a hard Day; for I think I ſhall reſt little more, till I reſt for altogether*; that being about or before the Middle of the Day; and ſo ſhe continued in humble Acknowledgments to the Lord for his Goodneſs and Mercy, and in Praiſes to him, who ſhe often ſaid, was *worthy, worthy of it for evermore*, ſo long as her Words were intelligible.

" And tho' ſhe had a hard Struggle with Death, yet the Sting of it being taken away, ſhe ſeemed not to regard it, or complain, her Spirit being borne over it by the Senſe of Joy and laſting Pleaſure ſhe was near to launch into the full Fruition of; and that Evening ſhe departed, being the Fifth Day of her lying in Child-bed, and the 16th Day of the Second Month, 1719, in the Forty-ſecond Year of her Age, and was buried the 18th Day in Friends Burying Place, accompanied with a great

great Concourſe of People, among whom the Teſtimony of Truth was borne, in the Power and Goodneſs of the Lord Almighty, to the Comfort and Strengthning of many."

Not long after this, it came before him to pay another Viſit to *America*: For which Journey he began to make the neceſſary Preparations, committing his Children to the Care of Relations and proper Perſons. But a dangerous Accident which befel him about this Time, ſeemed likely to have retarded his Journey: By a fall in the Dark, upon an Inſtrument made uſe of for cutting Hay, he received a deep and large Wound in the fleſhy Part of his Thigh; as he lived in a Part of the Country where no proper Aſſiſtance could ſpeedily be had, he directed his Servant to ſew up the Wound, whilſt he held the Lips of it together himſelf. Of this Accident he recovered ſo faſt, as to get abroad in leſs than two Weeks, to the Admiration and Surprize of Many of his Neighbours, who being little acquainted with any other Calls than thoſe of temporal Intereſt; or any Duties where this is not the Object, ignorantly interpreted it as a Judgment inflicted upon him by Divine Providence, for leaving his Family and outward Concerns.

Being hindered by this Accident from attending the Quarterly Meeting at *York*, as he had deſigned, he acquainted his much eſteemed Friend *Benjamin Horner* with the Occaſion of his Abſence, in the following Letter addreſſed partly to him, and partly to the Quarterly Meeting at *York*.

"*Dear Friend*, B. HORNER;

"IT has happened that I have been ſtaid about Home, ſome what longer than I expected when I was laſt with thee, partly in that my own Affairs have not ſeemed to rid out of my Way, ſo much

much to my Satisfaction, as I have deſired to leave Things; and alſo having been enlarged beyond what I then ſaw, to viſit divers Places in my own Country, in the Movings of the bleſſed Truth, which has been graciouſly ſanctified and made truly profitable; all which gives me Satisfaction. I have hitherto been ordered in the Will of the alwiſe Diſpoſer, which to me is enough, being all I deſire on my Part; and it was pleaſant to me, to ſee a Likelihood to have the Comfort of being with my near Friends in the Quarterly Meeting at *York* again, before I leave my native Land; but now I am like to be prevented, by reaſon of an Accident, whereby I am like to be unfitted for travel, a Week or two at leaſt: Yet my Friends may know, that tho' I have been beſet with ſome Straits and freſh Difficulties in this pinching Time, altogether unlooked for; having been plunged in Expectation of having to wade through a narrow Paſſage to the Service before me; yet I am not dejected, or unſettled in my Spirit, under the Siftings which are ſuffered to attend me; becauſe my Mind is preſerved intirely quiet under renewed Sweetneſs, believing the Lord Almighty is near, and will go before in his due Time.

" And, *dear Friends*, Altho' I deſire not to magnify myſelf among my Brethren, yet is my Heart engaged in travel to be more and more known among the Lord's Family of all Ages, in the hidden Root of immortal Goodneſs; which is the only true Engager of Hearts for the Lord's Cauſe and Teſtimony, and which rightly fits, and maintains ſtrong for the Work of our Day: And as my Heart is made often to ſtoop in awful Reverence before him, for Help to live ſo as Acceſs to the pure Spring of Sufficiency may be renewed; ſo my Bowels, in true Brotherhood, move within me for my Brethren's Sake, that a ſuitable Watchfulneſs,

neſs and Fervency of Spirit, in feeling after immortal Goodneſs, may grow and be maintained, through all Degrees in the Lord's Family; and if we ſlack not in attending upon the pure Spring, I am well aſſured, the Lord our gracious and mighty Helper will be near to ſupply with Life and Favour, Wiſdom and Ability, to ſerve him acceptably; and to ſhew forth his Mercy and Salvation, to the Enlargement of the Borders of his Sanctuary, ſo that his Name may be more and more known and renowned in the Earth; *ſo be it*, ſaith my Soul.

"Tho' I am like to be diſappointed of the Opportunity of being preſent with you at this Time, yet I am thankfully glad, and ſtrengthned in my Hope, both on your and my own Account, if I ſhould not meet with you here any more; in that I find my Soul enlarged, and flowing in a Current towards you, in that pure Love wherein new *Jeruſalem*'s Children have their true Conſolation; and wherein, my *dear Friends*, I tenderly ſalute you, hoping to be bettered for your tender Remembrance, when we may be far ſeparated; and thus I ſhall conclude, remaining your loving and near Brother in pure Fellowſhip.

Carrend, *the* 11*th of the Firſt Mon.* 1720. JOHN FOTHERGILL."

At the Time propoſed he ſet out for *London*, in order to take Shipping for *America*; of which Voyage, and of his Labours in the Work of the Miniſtry in that Country, he kept the following Journal, which tho' ſhort was judged worthy to be preſerved, *viz.*

IN the Year 1721, an Exerciſe of Spirit, in the moving of the Word of Life, came upon me to viſit Friends in *America* again; and tho' the Matter

rer ſeemed ſomewhat ſtrait at the firſt, becauſe my Wife being taken from me, I was left with a pretty many young Children; yet the moving of the Word in my Heart was ſo powerful, and ſweet, that I was ſoon made perfectly willing to give up all and to follow the Lord freely: I laid the Concern before the Brethren at our Monthly Meeting, and then at the Quarterly Meeting, where Friends readily ſignified their Unity with me in the Exerciſe. I then ſettled my Affairs and placed my Children under proper Care, and in the latter-end of the firſt Month, 1721, took leave of Friends in our own Country, in the Love of God, and ſet out for *London*, having *Lawrence King* as a Companion in the Service: We had ſome Meetings among Friends in the Way, in which the Lord owned us, and ſtrengthned us by his holy and living Preſence, greatly confirming us that we were on the Way in his Counſel and Requiring. We came up to *London* in the Second Month, and ſtaid there about three Weeks, viſiting the Meetings, the Lord opening a Door for our Service among Friends in the City, and mercifully attended with his bleſſed Preſence, much to ours and Friends Comfort, and the Name of the Lord was glorified.

Then finding our Minds ſet at Liberty to go forward, and a Veſſel bound to *Virginia* being ready to ſail, we took leave of Friends in the Love of Chriſt, and left *London* the 6th of the Third Month. We were favoured with a ſafe Paſſage, and arrived in *York-River* the 6th of the Fifth Month, 1721. The Lord's Countenance was often graciouſly manifeſted, to my great Humiliation and Comfort, often filling my Soul with Praiſes to him.

We got up to *Skimina*, and the 9th of the Month, being Firſt-day of the Week, we had a Meeting there, where there are but a few Friends, tho' ſeveral ſober People came in, and were very attentive,

tive to hear the Teſtimony of Truth; and it was made a good Seaſon to us, thro' the Preſence of Truth. On the 11th we had a Meeting at *Warwick*, where a pretty many ſober People came in with Friends, and we were favoured with the free Extendings of the Love and Goodneſs of God to our Comfort, and the Satisfaction and Encouragement of the Meeting in general. On the 13th we went to a Monthly-meeting at *Chuckatuck*, where was a fine Appearance of Friends, and the Lord's good Preſence, in the Opening of his Word and Counſel was with us; and his holy Name was magnified. The 16th we were at Friends Meeting at *Perquimons* in *Carolina*. The 18th we had a Meeting at *Joſeph Barrow*'s, to which many ſober People came, and the Lord's Power and Goodneſs was graciouſly preſent with and amongſt us, to our great Comfort, the People's Satisfaction, and the mighty Name of the Lord was glorified. We came back from thence to a Meeting at *Little-River*, where we were favoured with ſacred Help, and the Teſtimony of Truth prevailed amongſt the People.

On the 20th we were at the Monthly Meeting of Friends in *Paſpitank*, whither came many Friends; and we had an edifying Seaſon together, thro' the Abounding of Goſpel Life and Wiſdom, bleſſed be the holy and great Name. We had a Meeting amongſt ſome tender Friends the 22d, at *Joſeph Hanley*'s, and went from thence to the other Side *Paſpitank*, to a Meeting we had appointed, and where ſome Hundreds of People were gathered; the Meetting was held under the Shade of a large Tree, it being extreamly hot. My Heart was much enlarged in the Power and Teſtimony of the Goſpel of Salvation towards the People, to the Glory of the Lord of Mercies. We came over the River to *Mary Glaiſter*'s, and on the 24th viſited ſome

Friends Families there-away. The 25th we came to *Little-river* Meeting again, which was very large of Friends and others; and the Teſtimony of Truth opened freely and plentifully towards the Meeting, and prevailed ſweetly over many Hearts; and I ſo far forgot my bodily Strength, as to be very much ſpent, the Weather being very hot; but the Life and Goodneſs of the Lord God was magnified, and the Might of his holy Arm ſupported me beyond reaſonable Expectation.

The 26th we came to the lower Meeting houſe upon *Perquimons-River* again: The Meeting was very large, and very ſolid and edifying. The 27th we came over the River again to a Meeting not far from *Gabriel Newby*'s; but ſo great a Number of Friends and others were gathered, that the Houſe could not contain them; the Meeting was therefore held under a large Mulberry-tree, and we were greatly favoured with the glorious Preſence and Power of the Lord God, to our great Help and Comfort; the Teſtimony of the Goſpel prevailed in an eſtabliſhing, ſtrengthning Manner over many Souls; and the Name of the Lord was magnified.

On the 28th, being accompanied by many Friends, we went among ſome new Plantations, where we had appointed a Meeting, which conſidering the Place, was very large (it being towards *Virginia*) and the Lord was pleaſed to bleſs the Time unto us, by opening his Life and Teſtimony to the Edification of Friends, and the Satisfaction of the People, who were very attentive. We took leave of moſt of the Friends of *Carolina* here, in a Senſe of Love and tendering Power of Truth, and in much Nearneſs to one another. From thence we came to *Nathan Newby*'s in *Virginia*, where we had a large Meeting the 30th, moſtly of other People, who were,

were, as in many other Places, there-away, attentive to the Teſtimony of Truth, which in the Openings of the Power of Chriſt, went freely forth among them that Day, to the Glory of God. We went the 31ſt to *Robert Jordan*'s, and on the 1ſt of the Sixth Month we had a large and ſolid Meeting near *Nanſimond River*, and on the 2d at the *Weſtern-Branch* Meeting-houſe, which was large, and mercifully favoured with divine Attendance, to the Help of ſome tender Friends there; tho' there were many other People, with whom Truth itſelf had but very little Place.

The 4th, went to a Meeting at *Raſperneck*, which which is a ſmall Meeting, but the Name of the Lord was with us to declare his Excellency, and Safety for Refuge. The 6th, being Firſt-day, we were at Friends Meeting in *Levy-Neck*, which was large, as many Friends and others came to it many Miles: It was a ſearching, exerciſing Time, but through the Lord's Goodneſs, it proved a good and ſerviceable Meeting. On the 8th we went towards the Head of *Elizabeth-River*, where there were a few Friends, and had a Meeting at *Sarah Whitehouſe*'s, to which came ſome pretty innocent People, with whom I had a good open Time. From thence we went to a Place called the *Great-Bridge*, and had a Meeting at a friendly Man's houſe, to which likewiſe came many ſober People, and ſome of the more Conſiderable there-abouts, and we had a ſatisfactory Seaſon amongſt them: and there being one *Henry Woodward* at the Meeting, he invited us to go with him to lodge, which I was very eaſy to accept of, and three other Friends who were with me accompanied us. Both he, his Wife and Children, were exceeding friendly and loving; and both the Former went with us to another Perſon's Houſe, where we had a Meeting amongſt ſeveral ſober and tender People; and it was made a

profitable Time to many of them, through the Lord's Goodneſs. We then went to viſit one *Robert Stewart* (a loving friendly Man) and his Family, and had a good Opportunity with them, and lodged there that Night, as he would not willingly part with us.

The 11th, being clear of that Part of the Country, we came back to *John Holliwell's* near *Nanſemond River*, and had a Meeting that Evening with a few Friends who lived near him, much to my Satisfaction. The 13th we were at Friends Meeting near *Nanſemond*, to which came many Friends from ſeveral other Meetings; and though I was but weak in Body, and much indiſpoſed, yet the Lord's Goodneſs and Life ſtrengthned me, and we had a ſolid, ſettling Meeting, to the Lord's Glory, and the Comfort of many. The 14th we viſited a Widow Woman, whoſe Name was *Baker*, and her Children; where our gracious God was mindful of us, and by the Springing-up of his Love among us, made glad our Souls together.

The 15th we had a Meeting in a Barn at *James Copeland's*, whither came a conſiderable Number, both of Friends and others, from among the Woods; and the Power and Dread of the Lord of Hoſts, mercifully owned us, and prevailed over many; the Teſtimony of Truth being over all. The 16th we paſſed over a River called *Black Water*, to a Place newly ſettled, and had a pretty large Meeting among ſome Friends and People there-abouts. The 17th we rode thro' the Wilderneſs to another new Settlement, where on the 18th we had a Meeting with ſome People who lived diſperſed among the Woods, and tho' many of them ſeem'd to know very little about Religion, yet the Lord was good to us in owning us with his Preſence, and enabled us to preach the Goſpel of Chriſt in the Power of it, among them, wherewith divers of them ſeemed much

much affected. The 20th being the Firſt of the Week, we were at Friends Meeting, in their Meeting Houſe in *Surry* County, which was pretty large; but too many of the Profeſſors of Truth there, as in ſome other Places, for want of living to the Truth, ſtood in the Way of the Goſpel Life, and hindered its Prevalency among the People; yet the Lord helped to declare the Truth, in the Power thereof, and filled my Heart with Praiſes to him.

The 23d we had a Meeting at the Widow *Butler*'s Houſe, to which came ſeveral ſoberly behav'd People; and through the Lord's Goodneſs and Help, we had a good Opportunity among them. We came back from thence to *Robert Honicut*'s, and had a Meeting near his Houſe, among the few Friends who live there-abouts, and a pretty many other People, wherein the Lord's Power, and the Teſtimony of Truth, made ſome Impreſſion on them, to the Glory of the Lord of all our Mercies. From hence we went with a Friend called *James Benford*, in whoſe Family we had a good little Meeting that Evening. The next Day we croſſed *James River* to *William Lead*'s, where a ſmall Meeting is uſually kept; and we had one that Day, in which the Lord mercifully owned us with his living Power, and furniſhed with Ability to preach the glorious Goſpel of Chriſt in a good Degree of Dominion, to the Praiſe of our gracious God. The 27th we had a pretty large Meeting at *Curles*, and lodged at *Thomas Pleaſant*'s; and on the 28th, with ſome other Friends, we rode up the Woods to a Place called *Dover*, where few Friends live; we lodged two Nights with one *Joſeph Parſon*, who with his Wife entertained us chearfully, tho' not profeſſing with us. On the 29th they went with us about four Miles, where a pretty large Meeting gathered; in which the Power and Teſtimony

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of the bleſſed Truth reached freely to the People, to their general Satisfaction, and the Comfort of many. The 30th we had another Meeting, ſeven Miles higher up in the Woods. The 31ſt we croſſed over *James-River*, and had a Meeting amongſt ſome People who requeſted it; to which many came out of the Woods, and the Lord favoured us with his Preſence and Help, ſo that Truth prevailed. That Evening we came down to a *French* Settlement called *Manikin* Town, and on the 1ſt of the Seventh Month we had a Meeting there; to which divers of the *French* People, with others, came; and the Lord was graciouſly mindful of us, his Goſpel Teſtimony freely reaching forth in his free Love towards the People, and Truth was magnified amongſt them. We lodged with one *Daniel Groom*, a Man upon whom the Truth had made an Impreſſion in a Viſitation of Mercy, and we left him tender and loving. After the Meeting we took leave of that Part of the Country, in much Eaſe of Spirit, and came to *Thomas Pleaſant*'s that Night.

On the 2d we went to the Monthly Meeting at *Edward Mosby*'s, where many religious People, beſides Friends, were gathered; and the Power and Goodneſs of the Lord appeared among us, to the Satisfaction, Comfort, and Eſtabliſhment of many; as alſo in faithful Warning to Backſliders and lukewarm Profeſſors of the Truth: Friends went through the Buſineſs of their Monthly Meeting in a peaceable tender Manner. We lodged that Night with *John Johnſon* at the *Swamp*, and on the 3d, being Firſt Day, had a large Meeting of Friends and many others, where divine Mercy and Goodneſs owned us, and helped to declare the Way of Life and Salvation, in the Demonſtration of the holy Spirit; many were comforted, and the Name of the Lord magnified in the Midſt of his People.

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The 4th we went to *Black Creek*, where we had alſo a large Meeting, and many People not of our Society (tho' generally very ſober) were preſent. But thro' the Backſliding, or Indifferency of ſome, who had been convinced of Truth in that Part, the Way of the Teſtimony of the Goſpel ſeemed very ſtrait; yet the bleſſed Power of Chriſt did by Degrees prevail, to the Praiſe and Honour of Truth, the Encouragement and Comfort of many. We lodged at *Garrard Ellyſon*'s, and on the 5th, we had a Meeting over the *Monky River*, where few or no Friends had ever been, or had a Meeting before; the People who came were generally ſober, and attentive to hear the Truth declared, and we had a ſatisfactory Time among them: Several were very loving. We came back to *G. Ellyſon*'s, and had another Meeting the 6th at *Black Creek*, more ſelect to Friends or friendly People, where the Lord appeared mercifully mindful of them, opening both Counſel and Warning to the Looſe, Encouragement to the Honeſt, and in the Riches of his antient Love, made the Time very comfortable to us.

The 7th we went to the Meeting at *William Lead*'s again, where the Lord graciouſly owned us with his Preſence, and opened Counſel for the Eſtabliſhment of the Well-minded. We lodged at *John Crew*'s, and went again to a Meeting at *Curles*, where we had a mercifully open Time in the Love of Truth, to exhort Friends to Faithfulneſs to the Lord; we took our Leave of them in his Love, and lodged at *J. Pleaſant*'s, where the next Morning we had a truly edifying Opportunity, in the Openings of the Power of Chriſt, with ſome Friends who came to take Leave of us.

The 9th we went over *James* and *Apamattock* Rivers, lodged at the Widow *Butler*'s, and went to *Joſeph Patterſon*'s, a friendly Man, who lived on the

the Bank of this laſt River, up in the Woods, his Wife being a Friend; we had a pretty large Meeting on the 10th among a tender People, being almoſt at the Outſide of the Inhabitants that Way; and the Lord was pleaſed to open my Heart and Mouth to preach the Goſpel of Life, in much Openneſs of Spirit, to his Praiſe: The People appeared ſatisfied, and ſeemed very deſirous of another Meeting, which I gladly ſubmitted to, and appointed it to be at *Timothy Harriſon*'s; it was held on the 11th accordingly, among a larger Number than before, of ſober People, and the Lord of Mercies was tenderly mindful of us, and gracious in extending of his Love and Goodneſs to the People. I left that Part of the Country with much Peace and Comfort of Spirit, and came back again to the Widow *Butler*'s that Night. The 12th we had a little Opportunity with her, her Children and Family, wherein Truth opening my Heart in Counſel and Encouragement to them, to our Comfort, bleſſed be the Lord for his Help and Goodneſs. Taking leave of them, we came down to *James Benford*'s, where we had appointed a Meeting, which was held there accordingly the 13th; a conſiderable Number of Friends and others came thither, and Truth was pleaſed to own us, in its Power and Wiſdom, to the Eſtabliſhing of many in the Way of Life.

The 14th we took our Journey towards the Yearly Meeting, and came to *Matthew Jordan*'s at *Pagan Creek*. The 15th to *Chuckatuck*, where the Yearly Meeting was held, which continued three Days: Part of the Firſt being for the Buſineſs of the Church; wherein divers Things were inquired into, and offered to Friends Conſideration, relating to the Building-up and Preſerving Friends from the Corruption of the World; and maintaining the Teſtimony of Truth amongſt them in that Coun-

Country; which was done and received in a Spirit of Love. The public Meetings were very large, both of Friends and many ſoberly-behaved People: And thro the merciful Help of the Lord's Power, the glorious Goſpel, both in its Teſtimony and holy Life, was exalted over all; and Friends had to part under the Senſe of the Love and Goodneſs of God, whoſe holy Name was magnified, as it is worthy to be for ever.

The 17th being Firſt Day, and the Concluſion of the Yearly Meeting, we came back again to *Matthew Jordan*'s. The 18th we took our Journey Northward, and came to *James Bates*'s at *Skimina*. The 19th to *William Trotter*'s, a Friend who lives remote from any Meeting, and had a Meeting in his Houſe next Day, to which divers of his Neighbours came, and we had a good open Time in the Love of Truth. We went that Eyening to *Thomas Pricklow*'s. The 21ſt to *Warwick*, where we had a Meeting with the Friends who live there-abouts, and lodged at *Miles Carey*'s. The 22d we went to *Skimina* again, where we had appointed a Meeting to be that Day, and tho' it is a low, decay'd Place reſpecting Religion, yet the Lord was good to us, and helped us to declare the unchangeable Truth, and Way of Life; and to exalt its holy Teſtimony over all Unrighteouſneſs. We lodged with *James Bates*, and on the 23d took our Leave of him and his Wife, and went to *Black Creek* to *Gerrard Robert Ellyſon*'s. The 24th, being the Firſt of the Week, we had a large Meeting, Friends coming thither to meet us from many Places there-abouts; we had a good edifying Seaſon in the Love of God; and took Leave of one another in much Tenderneſs of Spirit, as Children of one Father. We went to a Place call'd the *Swamp* that Night, and being the 25th accompanied with a pretty many Friends, we went up the Country to ſee

ſome friendly People, newly ſettled at a Place called *Cedar Creek*.

The 26th we lodged at *Thomas Stanley*'s, and had a Meeting there, wherein divine Goodneſs favoured us with a ſatisfactory Opportunity. A few there were, who made ſome Profeſſion of Truth, and many ſoberly inclined People, towards whom the Love and Teſtimony of Truth extended freely, which was greatly comfortable to us.

The 27th we took our Journey thro' the Country towards *Potomack River*, and came at Night to *William Duff*'s in Prince *George*'s County. The 29th we had a Meeting among a few Friends, and ſome other ſober People, at *Peter Skinner*'s where we had a good and ſeaſonable Opportunity.

The 30th we went to a Meeting held at *Mattocks*, at *Juſtice Waſhington*'s, a friendly Man, where the Love of God opened my Heart towards the People much to my Comfort and their Satisfaction; and the holy Name of the Lord was glorified. We came back to *William Duff*'s again that Night, and the 1ſt of the Eighth Month, the Firſt of the Week, we had a large Meeting there, to which came many other People: Many of them were very attentive to the Teſtimony of Truth, and the Lord's Love and Power were greatly magnified and exalted over all. The 2d we had a little Meeting with Friends living there-abouts by themſelves, which our heavenly Father owned with his Preſence, and made it a good Time to them and us; and his great Name was praiſed.

The 4th we took our Journey over *Potomack* and *Patuxent* Rivers, and came to the Widow *Hutchin*'s that Night, and the 5th we were at the Week-day-meeting at *Cliff* Meeting-houſe; we had a ſweet Seaſon in the Love of God: And went to *Robert Roberts*'s that Night. The 6th we had a Meeting at *Patuxent* Meeting-houſe, ſeveral being with us from the *Cliffs*;

Cliffs; and a comfortable Time we had thro' ſome deep Travel, but Truth prevailed over all. The 7th we came back to *Kinſey John*'s Houſe at the *Cliffs*, and the 8th we were at their Meeting again; which was large and precious, to our Comfort, the Help of many, and God's Glory.

The 9th we had a large Meeting at *Herring-Bay*, where the antient Love of God, and its holy Way and Teſtimony reached freely, and was exalted among Friends; divers of whom were much hurt by the libertine Spirit of the World too much prevailing; yet the Love and Power of God was over all to their Comfort and Help.

The 10th we had a large and edifying Meeting with Friends at *Weſt-River*, in the free Extendings of living Power, tending to build up the Living, and gather the Wanderers who had gone from the Simplicity that is in Chriſt, nearer to it again.

The 11th we came to *Samuel Chew*'s. From hence we croſſed the Bay, and lodged the 12th at one *Edward Ellicot*'s, not a Friend, but were kindly entertained by him. The 13th we went to *Daniel Richardſon*'s, and the 14th to *Treadhaven* Meeting-houſe, to the Yearly-meeting there, which continued five Days ſucceſſively, where a great Number of Friends and others were gathered; and the Lord's Goodneſs and Majeſty manifeſted among us, to the Glory of God, and the Comfort and Confirmation of many Souls.

The 18th we went after Meeting to *Rebecca Pitts*'s, where we reſted the next Day, and from thence through *Cheſter* to *Cecil*, where on the Firſt-day, being the 22d, we were at a large Meeting, and came back to *William Thomas*'s the 23d, and had a Meeting at *Cheſter*, wherein the Power of Truth prevailed, to the Comfort and Strengthening of many. The 24th we came down to the Widow *Pitts*'s, and the 25th to *Treadhaven* Meeting-houſe again to the Quarterly-meeting, and the Monthly-

meeting, which was held the next Day; wherein the Life and Goodneſs of Truth attended us to the Encouragement and Help of thoſe who loved it, and its Teſtimony.

The 27th we went to *Tuckaho*, and had a large and profitable Meeting, through the eminent Manifeſtation of the Lord's Power and Goodneſs to the Comfort of the Living, and to the Awakening of the Careleſs; the Looſe were faithfully warned, and Truth was exalted. The 28th we went to the Bay-ſide, and were at the Meeting there the 29th, being Firſt-day, and at a Marriage there the 30th, to which came many ſober People; and the Lord mercifully owned us, and magnified his own Name and Teſtimony, which prevailed over many Hearts, greatly to our Comfort. The 31ſt we went to *Choptanck* Meeting, which tho' ſmall, yet was made very comfortable and edifying to Friends.

The firſt of the Ninth Month we went over *Choptanck-River*, to the Meeting at *Joſhua Kinnerſly's*, where many others beſide Friends were gathered, among whom the glorious Goſpel-life and Teſtimony ran freely forth, and prevailed in a great Degree over many Souls: I was much comforted, and the Lord's holy Name was glorified.

The 2d we went to *Tranſgeekin* Meeting, which was large, and many others not of our Profeſſion being preſent, and it was rendered to us a profitable Seaſon. The 3d we had a Meeting at the Widow *Fiſher's* at *Nanticook River*. The 4th we croſſed that River and *Nickocomico* to *Mannie*. The 5th we had a Meeting there, wherein the Lord's Power and Goodneſs helped us, and his Teſtimony went freely forth to the Information and Encouragement of the Religious-minded; and powerfully againſt a backſliding worldly Spirit, which has almoſt over run the few Friends there. The 6th we went to the Widow *Waters's* at *Annimeſſet*, and

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on the 7th had a good little Meeting there, to which divers other People came.

On the 8th we took our Journey downwards into *Virginia*, and on the 12th had a Meeting at *Neſwadax* Meeting Houſe, to which came a conſiderable Number of ſoberly inclined People, and the Lord's Power and Teſtimony were exalted, to our Comfort and the Glory of God.

The 13th we went to one *Arthur Upſher*'s, a friendly Man's Houſe, and had ſome Service in the Love of God in his Family, and lodged there that Night. The 14th ſeveral of the Family went with us to a Meeting at *William Nocks*'s, to which came many ſober People, and the Lord gave us a good and ſeaſonable Time among them: Tho' we were much afflicted in a Senſe of the prevailing of an earthly Spirit, leading ſome that had been convinced of the Truth, into Indifferency and Slackneſs reſpecting its Teſtimony; by which the Progreſs of Truth and Righteouſneſs, has been much obſtructed in divers Parts of that Country. The 15th we went to *Muddy-Creek*, and had a good open Meeting there that Day, thro' the gracious Nearneſs and Help of the powerful Preſence of the Lord God, whoſe Name was exalted over all. We went that Night to *Mary Johnſton*'s, an honeſt Woman's Houſe, on the 16th to *Thomas Preeſon*'s Plantation near the Sea-ſide, to a Meeting appointed before; to which many ſober and well-behaved People came, and the Teſtimony and Life of the Goſpel, in the Love of God was opened towards them, to their Satisfaction and our great Comfort in the Lord.

The 17th we went up to *Maryland* again, and the 19th, being the firſt Day of the Week, we had a Meeting at the Widow *Truit*'s, which tho' but ſmall, was favoured with the Extending of merciful Regard for the Peoples Help. On the 20th we ſet out towards a Part of *Pennſylvania*, and the 21ſt

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went to *Robert Lodge*'s a Friend living at *Cold-Spring*, thro' ſome dangerous Swamps. The 22d we had a good and comfortable Meeting near his Houſe, and were at ſeveral others in the remaining Part of this Week.

The 26th we went to *Duck-Creek* Meeting, being the firſt Day, and Truth favoured us and Friends, with a good and ſtrengthning Seaſon, in the free Opening of divine Power and Goodneſs. We had divers Meetings betwixt this and the 1ſt of the Tenth Month, when we were at *Cheſter* Meeting, which was large and ſolidly comfortable, in the free Attendance of divine Goodneſs and Counſel: Many Friends met us here from ſeveral other Meetings. The 3d, being the firſt Day, we had a large Meeting at *Darby*, wherein ſeaſoning Goodneſs, from the Lord of Mercies, was comfortably manifeſted, and the holy Name of our gracious God was magnified amongſt us. The 4th we went to *Philadelphia* to *William Fiſhbourn*'s, where I met with many near Friends of my former Acquaintance, and we were much comforted together, in Love of our gracious God: I ſtaid there about a Week, and had ſeveral good and truly edifying Meetings in that Time, thro' the Lord's merciful Goodneſs.

The 12th I had a Meeting at *Springfield*, which was very large and ſolidly profitable, and on the 13th another large and good Meeting at *Providence*. On the 14th I had a Meeting at *Middle-Town*, which was likewiſe very large; but it was an excerciſing Time, becauſe a worldly Spirit, and Love to vain Liberty, ſeemed to have unfitted many Hearts for the Love and Life of Truth: Yet the Lord's bleſſed Power prevailed, and was exalted over all. The 15th I went to a Meeting at *Chicheſter*, wherein God's Love and Teſtimony likewiſe prevailed over hurtful Things to the Comfort and Strengthning of many.

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The 17th, being First-day, I went to *Concord*, where a great Number of Friends and some others were gathered, and the Lord's Power and Goodness came over us, and were magnified to the Comfort of many, and to the Awakening of others. The 18th I had a Meeting at *Center*; a laborious Time, but Truth prevailed and came over loose Spirits. The 19th I went to a Meeting at *Kennet*, where the Lord gave us a good and edifying Season, and on the 20th I had a Meeting near *Abraham Marshall's*, being a newly settled Place, and the Lord gave us a good Time among the People there. The 22d I went to another new Place called *Caln*, where a pretty many People were gathered, towards whom the Love and Mercy of God extended freely, to their Help and Comfort.

The 23d I had a Meeting at *Uwchland*, to which came a considerable Number of Friends, and in the Lord's Goodness we had an edifying Season. The 24th, being First-day, I was at Friends Meeting at *Goshen*, which was large, and a heavenly informing and truly edifying Time it was, in the Demonstration of the Lord's Power. The 25th I was at the Monthly-meeting for Business at *Providence*, which was large, and the antient Goodness, and living Power of the Lord God, was comfortably among Friends, and therein the Service of the Meeting was carried on in much Unity and Peace.

The 26th I went to *Newtown*, and tho' it was extreme snowy, yet we had a large and blessed Meeting. The 27th to *Haverford*, where we had a very large Meeting, and Truth was near to help thro' much Exercise, to my Comfort and Ease. The 28th I went to *Radnor*, where was a large and solidly profitable Meeting, and a powerful Testimony of Truth was exalted to the Help of many Souls. The 29th to *Merion*, where a large Number was gathered, and the blessed Gospel-testimony, and humbling

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Power, greatly prevailed that Day, to the great Joy and Help of many, and the Lord God was magnified. I went that Evening to lodge with *J. Roberts*, where I had a good and edifying Seaſon with the old People, many Friends alſo coming there to ſee us. On the 30th I came to *Philadelphia*, in order to take my Companion along with me in a Viſit further up the Province, he having remained here about three Weeks, being unwel. I ſtaid here over the next Day, *viz.* The 31ſt, and Firſt-day, and had pretty good Meetings.

The 2d of the Eleventh Month we had a Meeting at *Frankfort*, which the Lord bleſſed to us, and made it a comfortable Seaſon. We lodged at *Jonathan Dickinſon's*, where Truth opened at Way to extend a merciful Viſit to the Family. The 3d we went to *Byberry* Meeting, which was very large, but a ſtrait ſuffering Time. The 4th to *Neſhaminy*, which being the Monthly Meeting for Buſineſs, many Friends came, and the Lord ſtrengthned and encouraged us together, by the Attendance of his bleſſed Power and Goodneſs. The 5th we went to *Briſtol*, where many Friends gathered, and the Lord gave us an heavenly relieving Time, in the Reachings of his Wiſdom and Power. The 7th, being the firſt Day of the Week, we were at the *Falls* Meeting, which was very large, and thro' the bleſſed Attendance of the Lord's Power and Goodneſs, we had an edifying Seaſon. The 8th we went to *Macclesfield*, and had a good Meeting that Afternoon with ſome Friends, and many friendly People who came in. The 9th we went to *Wright's* Town, where we had a large Meeting that Day, wherein the Teſtimony of Truth reached forth in an awakening Manner; and to the Comfort and Strengthening of many.

The 10th we had a Meeting at *Buckingham*, and went the 11th to *North-Wales*, where we lodged at

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John Evans's, and had a good Meeting that Evening, with a large Number of Friends who came to ſee us. The 12th, being accompanied by ſeveral of thoſe and ſome other Friends, we went to a new ſettled Place called *Great Swamp*, and tho' the Snow was deep, and the Froſt very ſevere, yet thro' the Lord's Goodneſs we got well through, and had a good little Meeting with ſome Friends and other People, who came in that Evening, at *Peter Leiceſter*'s. The 14th we were at the Meeting of Friends at *North Wales*, which was very large, ſeveral other Profeſſors coming in, and the Goſpel was preached in its own Authority and Wiſdom, and was exalted in many Souls, to the Comfort of the Living, and the Glory of the Lord of all our Mercies. We had another Meeting that Evening, at the Houſe of *Hugh Foulke*'s, which was much to our Satisfaction. The 15th we had a Meeting at *Plymouth*, a good, informing and profitable Seaſon. And the 16th we were at *North-Wales* Meeting again: A large ſolidly edifying Meeting it was, and the Lord's Power ſpread weightily over many Hearts.

The 17th we had a Meeting at *Horſham*, wherein the Wiſdom and Power of Truth prevailed greatly to our, and many Friends Comfort. We lodged that Night at *William Stockdale*'s, where we had ſome good Service in the Love of Truth that Evening, among a pretty many Friends. The 18th we were at *Abington*, where the Meeting was large, and an Awakening rouzing Seaſon. We lodged at *Morris Morris*'s, where ſeveral Friends came in, and we had ſome Service among them.

The 19th we went to a Meeting at *Germantown*, which was a large and bleſſed Meeting, thro' the Prevalency of Truth. The 21ſt, being Firſt-day, we were at the Meeting at *Burlington*, where we were favour'd with a good and ſolid Meeting; and the 22d at *Springfield*, where the holy

Arm of the Lord was revealed, to the Comfort and Help of many Souls, and his Name was magnified over all. The 24th we had a Meeting at *Mount Holly*, which was pretty large; and the bleſſed Arm of Power was magnifeſted therein, tending to ſtir up ſome ſlack and looſe People, and to encourage the Upright. The 25th we went to a Meeting at *Ancocas*, where there was a Marriage, to which many People came; and Truth made it a profitable and eſtabliſhing Seaſon. The 26th we had a large and bleſſed Meeting, thro' the ſtrong Ariſings and Goings-forth of the Teſtimony and Life of Chriſt. The 28th, being Firſt day, we were at *Newtown* Meeting, wherein Truth appeared in Mercy and Goodwill to revive and build up a weak and ſtaggering People. The 29th we had a good and prevailing Meeting, in the Help of the Life and Goodneſs of Truth, at *Woodberry-creek*. The 31ſt we had a Meeting at *Alloways-creek*, which was an eſtabliſhing, ſtrengthning Seaſon, thro' the merciful Attendance of the Power of Truth. The 1ſt of the Twelfth Month we had a very large Meeting in *Salem* Town, which the Lord made an awakening Time, to the Comfort of many.

From hence he wrote the following Epiſtle to Friends in his own County, but more eſpecially, to Friends *of* WENSLEYDALE *Meeting.*

"*Dear* FRIENDS,

"WHom I very often remember, tho' now ſeparated far from you outwardly; yet as I am a Part of you in many Reſpects eſpecially in that we have, many of us, been begotten by one heavenly Father, into one Faith and near Kindred; and by and in his Love and living Power, many of our Souls have been fed, and nurſed up as Bone of Bone, both in true and near Love, and Readineſs to ſerve one another with Plea-

Pleaſure; which as it is the Effect of divine Love, ſo we ſhall never loſe the Comfort and Profit of its being renewed to us, and upon us, both to our own particular Help and Supply, whatever any of us may have to wade thro', or be tried with; and alſo to nouriſh and maintain a holy ſtrengthning Fellowſhip, as Brethren and Siſters, if we in ourſelves keep but the pure Faith in the everliving Power, and walk in the due Fear and Care before the Lord God of Mercies and All-ſufficiency. For this my Heart often breathes to the Lord for myſelf, and for you all; and in a tender near Manner for the humble, inwardly needy, and baptized Souls among you, towards whom my Bowels, often as it were turn within me; you being almoſt daily before me in the Love of God, whoſe compaſſionate Eye is ſurely over you in a Fatherly Manner, and his mighty Arm extended towards you, both to feed and waſh, and fit you for a further Service in your Day, if you wait but patiently and diligently upon him, in true Reſignation of Heart, to be what he would have you to be; for Love and Care from the Lord Almighty, I am often very ſenſible, reacheth graciouſly towards you to do you Good.

" And, *dear Friends*, as you are in general often freſh in my Remembrance in brotherly Love, ſo I have been influenced to write a little to you, and therein I now ſend you my near Salutation in engaging Love from the holy Spring of pure Edification; praying that you may all wait diligently, to feel a holy fervent Thirſt to be raiſed in your Hearts, after certain Experience of divine Life, and enlarging Goodneſs in yourſelves, and more and more to be prepared for it; ſo will you come to have Bread in your own Houſes, pure Water in your own Veſſels, and ſo to have Rejoicing in yourſelves, and not in another: Thus will all grow towards God, and become fruitful in Righteouſneſs, to the

Comfort and Help one of another, and to ſhew forth the Nature of Truth, to the Praiſe and Glory of the one moſt holy Head.

" And it is alſo freſh upon my Spirit, with ſome Weight, earneſtly and tenderly, to adviſe all of you, to ſee carefully to the Improvement of your own Gifts or Talents; which is not only your Duty, as they were given for this Purpoſe, but is alſo the alone Way to a truly happy End. And altho' all have not received Gifts alike, neither with reſpect to Meaſure nor Operation, yet all are from one God, one Spirit, and are to be improved, whether Five, Two, or One: The faithful Improvers, the diligently exerciſed Hearts, according to the Meaſure given, only will have the Sentence of *Well done*, and *enter into the Joy of the Lord* at laſt; as well as be often favoured with Acceſs to Life here. It is the careful Waiters for the Spirit of Truth, and its quickening Power, ſuch as ſow and live to the Spirit, who will reap Life everlaſting, and from Time to Time, have the free Earneſt of a never fading Inheritance. And thus, Strength in Faith, and Vigour in Zeal for the Lord God, his holy Teſtimony, and for the Peace and Proſperity of his Family, is renewed and maintained; and thus we grow up truly ſubject to one holy and living Head, and near to, and careful over one another.

" And, *Friends*, be ſure to be careful that heavenly Things have ſuitably more Room than earthly, with you all; and walk in the Spirit, as well as talk of it, and then the Luſts or unprofitable Deſires of the Fleſh will not be fulfilled, but the great Mount of our elder Brother *Eſau* will be gradually judged in all; and the Kingdom and Government of Hearts will be the Lord's, whoſe Right it is: Then will your Hearts enlarge one towards another, and grow ſtronger in an heavenly Mind.

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Oh, thus will the Elder among you be built up and maintained bright in Spirit, and in Life: And the Younger will be gathered from the lofty Mountains, where the World's deceiving, dazzling Glory is viewed and coveted; where the hurtful Things moſtly range; where Coolneſs and Barrenneſs often reign; and then the Lord alone will be exalted in feeling Knowledge among them, and he will become a Fountain of Bleſſing to them, that they may be a Generation for God in their Time, to ſhew forth his Salvation and redeeming Power in the Earth. My Hope is ſtrong, that many of the Youth will thus grow up to their own, to yours, and the Comfort of many others. I am well ſatisfied that divine Care and Regard is, and will be extended towards you in general, to do you Good, according to your ſeveral Wants; but be aſſured, it muſt be in the Lord's Way and Terms, and not in Man's. And one Thing farther take good Notice of, which hath both Caution and Encouragement in it, That altho' *Saul* was ſent againſt a great People, and with cloſe Orders to deſtroy *Amalek* utterly, yet was he attended with Ability ſuitable to the Service: And ſo is the Lord carefully near to help you in every reſpect, in the Performance of what he requires, both in reſiſting and eſchewing whatever he ſhews to be hurtful or evil; and alſo in preſſing on, tho' through a Crowd, and drawing near for right and effectual healing of every Diſtemper: He will alſo be with you, and near to help forward in anſwering his Requirings, in any Thing or Service for his holy Name, the Good and Comfort of his Family."

"I ſay again, in a ſteady Senſe of holy Goodneſs in my Heart, at this Seaſon reaching towards you, that the Lord God, who manifeſts unto Man what is good, and what he requires, doth and will attend and aſſiſt you to go forward, in performing and anſwer-

ſwering the bleſſed End; to our Peace and his Glory, how weak ſoever any may appear in their own Sight, if they do but duly labour to follow him with full Purpoſe of Heart: And that this may be more and more all our humble Care, is my ſincere Advice to you, and Prayer to him who can do all Things. *Amen.*

"Thus *dear Friends*, I have freed my Spirit a little towards you in our Father's Love, wherein I am almoſt daily mindful of you, tho' at this great outward Diſtance, and in it once more dearly greet you, and remain your ſincerely loving Friend and Brother, in the unchangeable Covenant of Life, Salem *in* Weſt-Jerſey, *the* 1ſt *of the* 12*th*, *Mo.* 1721. JOHN FOTHERGILL.

"I may farther acquaint you, that thro' divine Goodneſs and Mercy, my Health and Strength is every Way maintained and renewed, to mine and many Friends Admiration, conſidering my Diligence and the Depth of Labour: And altho' I am led to trace out, and wade thro' many exerciſing Circumſtances attending the Churches, yet the Lord's Arm often makes way to great Dominion in the Reſurrection of the Power of Truth, to my humbling Joy; and the moſt holy and worthy Name is magnified. We get forward pretty well, tho' not very ſpeedily, but my Hopes are renew'd that I may yet live to ſee you again in the Lord's Time, unto whoſe Hand I am freely reſigned, having my Evidences, or Confirmations, thro' divine Help, that it is well I am here."

The 2d of the Twelfth Month (*continues the Journal*) we had a Meeting at *Pileſgrove*, where many ſoberly-inclined People were gathered, and the Love and Teſtimony of Truth reached freely towards them, and made it a profitable Seaſon.

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The 3d we came up the Country again, and in the Evening croſſed over the River *Delaware* to *Philadelphia*, where on the 4th, being Firſt-day, we were at a the Burial of an antient Friend *Nicholas Waln*, at *Fair-hill*; at which Place a great Concourſe of Friends and others were met: We had a large Meeting that Evening in *Philadelphia*, which the Lord was pleaſed eminently to own by his glorious Power, and the Goſpel Teſtimony and Life was over all in a great and bleſſed Degree. The 5th we were at the Quarterly-meeting for Buſineſs for the County, where the Lord owned us, and openeddivers weighty Things, to recommend to the Meeting, in the Power of Truth, which Friends received in Tenderneſs; and an holy Reverence, with deep Thankfulneſs, was brought over our Souls before the Lord.

The 6th we were at a General-meeting for Worſhip at *Haverford*, wherein the Lord's Power glorioufly appeared, and ſhook the Earth in many Hearts, in divers reſpects; and it was made a Day of Gladneſs and Comfort to others, bleſſed be the Name of the Lord God for ever.

The 7th we were at a Monthly-meeting for Buſineſs at *Darby*, where we had a good and edifying Time, in the Love of God. The 8th we went to *Springfield*, viſiting ſeveral Friends by the Way, to ſome Advantage, and had a large Meeting there, wherein the Lord's Power and Life was exalted and magnified, to the Encouragement of many. The 9th we had a Meeting at *Middletown*, wherein the powerful Word of Life aroſe and prevailed greatly, to our Comfort, and the Help of Friends. The 10th we viſited ſeveral Friends Families, and went to *Cheſter*: The 11th, being Firſt-day, we were at Friends Meeting there; to which Friends came from many Places, and a ſolid ſettling Time it was in the Power of Truth. The 12th we went to the

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Quarterly-meeting for Buſineſs at *Providence*; where the Lord's Power and Love were eminently among Friends, to our Encouragement in the Service of Truth. And the 13th were at a General-meeting for Worſhip at *Middletown*, which was very large, and a bleſſed, humbling Seaſon, in the Prevalence of the Goſpel of Chriſt, and the holy Name was magnified.

The 14th we went to *Lewis Walker*'s, in the *Great-Valley*, where we had a large Meeting out of Doors, with many other Profeſſors; all were very attentive, and the Goſpel Power and Teſtimony went freely forth to general Satisfaction and Comfort. The 15th we went over to *Perquiomin*, where we had a good Meeting in a Senſe of the Prevalency of the Power of Truth. We lodged with *Joſeph Richardſon*, in whoſe Houſe we had a ſerviceable humbling Seaſon with his Family, and ſome others who came in that Evening.

The 16th we went up the Country to a new-ſettled Place above *Manhatawny*, where were gathered ſome Friends and others; we had a good Seaſon amongſt them in the Love of Truth, much tending to their Eſtabliſhment. The 17th we had a Meeting in the *Baptiſt* Meeting-houſe near *Skippolk*, at the Requeſt of ſome of them, where the Lord owned us in his Wiſdom and Power, and gave us a comfortable Time to general Satisfaction. We parted lovingly, and came that Night to *Evan Evans*'s at *North Wales*, and were the 18th at Friends Meeting there, which was large, and it being Firſt-day, we had another in the Evening; in both which, the great Lord and Fountain of Life and Wiſdom graciouſly owned us, and prevailed upon the Hearts and Underſtandings of many, both of Friends, and ſome who profeſſed not with us.

The 19th we went to viſit an antient Friend who had loſt her Sight, being accompanied with ſeveral Friends,

Friends, with whom we had a profitable Seaſon in the Attendance of the Love of God. We went to *Philadelphia* that Night, and the 20th into the *Jerſeys* to a General-meeting, which was very large both of Friends and others; and tho' I met with ſome Affliction and Suffering of Spirit, becauſe of the Prevailing of a careleſs and libertine Diſpoſition among many profeſſing the Truth; yet the Lord ſhewed himſelf gracious, in extending Help to many Conditions; and many Souls were comforted in the Love of Truth, the Power whereof was exalted. We came back to *Philadelphia* that Night, and went the 21ſt to *Neſhaminy*, to the Meeting of miniſtring Friends and Elders, where we were comforted together in the Love and Power of Truth.

The 22d we were at Friends Quarterly-meeting for the County, wherein the Lord's Power greatly prevailed, in humbling and ſtrengthning many Souls. We lodged at *J. Stackhouſe*'s pretty near, and on the 23d viſited ſeveral Friend's Families there-about, wherein we had ſome good Service, and returned that Night to *Adam Harker*'s, and went the 24th over the River to *Burlington*, to a Meeting for Miniſters and Elders, where the Lord God opened many Things to them thro' my Heart, for their Help and Encouragement in the Work of the Day. We went back to *Briſtol* by Boat, and rode to *Joſeph Kirkbride*'s.

The 25th, being Firſt-day, we got over the River in a Boat near the *Falls*, but were driven down a great Way by the Strength of the Stream; ſo that it was not without Difficulty and Danger that we paſſed. We got in pretty good Time to *Stony brook*, where we had a good Meeting among a few Friends, and many other Profeſſors, at *Joſeph Worth*'s Houſe.

The 26th we came down to *Burlington* again to Friends Quarterly-meeting, which was very large, and a ſtrengthening encouraging Seaſon in the Love of God, and a peaceable Spirit was ſweetly over many Hearts, to the Glory of the Rock of all our Strength.

The 27th we were at a Youths-meeting at the ſame Place, where many Friends were gathered, and the bleſſed Order and Teſtimony of the Truth, in the Power of it was exalted and extended to many Hearts. The 28th we went to *Mount-holly* to a General-meeting of ſeveral particular Meetings, which was large, and the Lord was pleaſed to make it a ſolidly ſtrengthning Time, in the free Spreadings of divine Love and edifying Life, much to our Joy in the Lord. We lodged at *Nathanael Criſp's*, where the Lord's Goodneſs aroſe among us in the Family to Profit.

The 1ſt of the Firſt Month we were at *Cheſterfield* Meeting, wherein the Power and Doctrine of Chriſt reached eminently forth to the great Comfort and Help of many Souls. That Evening we went to *J. Sykes's*, intending to ſet forward from thence to ward *Egg-Harbour*, the 3d we took our Journey thro' the Deſarts to *Little-Egg-Harbour*, and came to *Gervas Farrar's*, and on the 4th were at a Meeting there, and had a pretty good Time in the Extending of the Love of Truth to the poor People thereaway. The 5th we travelled Part by Land, and thro' diſmal Marſhes, and Part by Water in Canoes to *Great-Egg-Harbour*, and on the 6th had a Meeting among ſome poor dark People that came thither; yet the Lord was pleaſed to draw near, and comforted divers of us ſweetly. The 7th we had a Meeting at one *John Skull's*, where a conſiderable Number of different Profeſſors came in, and we had a pretty good Time among them. The 8th we endeavoured to go over a great River to *Cape-May*, but the Wind was ſo violent that we could not get over

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till Evening, when with hard rowing, and much toſſing, we got ſafely to Land.

The 9th we got to a Meeting which was appointed at the Widow *Townſhend*'s, and gave Notice to have another Meeting there on the 10th, which was Firſt-day; and a large one we had, wherein the Lord graciouſly owned us with his Counſel, and the Going-forth of his Goodneſs to our Comfort, and the Satisfaction of the People, moſt of whom were of other Profeſſions, and but few Friends. The 12th we took our Journey thro' the Wilderneſs and a great boggy Marſh, and ſwimming our Horſes over *Morrice-river*, we came to *Cohanſey*, and on the 13th had a Meeting at *Greenwich* with a few Friends and ſeveral other Profeſſors; and had a good opening, confirming Time in the Love of God, which was graciouſly extended to us.

The 14th we went to a Meeting at *Salem*, which through the Lord's Goodneſs was made an edifying Seaſon; and on the 15th we had a Meeting at *Pileſgrove* again, where a pretty many People were gathered; and the Doctrine and Power of the Goſpel of Chriſt reached freely toward them, to the Satisfaction of many.

The 16th we came up to a Meeting at *Woodberry-Creek*, where the Wiſdom and Mercy of the Lord our God was evidently manifeſt in dividing the Word of Life to the ſeveral States and Benefit of many; and his holy Name was magnified.

In his Paſſage thro' Weſt-Jerſey, *he wrote the following Epiſtle*, viz.

To FRIENDS *of the Quarterly Meeting at* YORK.

My dear BRETHREN *and* SISTERS *in the Covenant of Life!*

"ALTHO' I am now outwardly far ſeparated from you for the Goſpel of our Lord JESUS CHRIST's Sake, yet as I have been favoured

with Mercy to obtain a Share of near Brotherhood amongſt you in the heavenly Relation; ſo you are very often truly freſh in my Remembrance, in the Springing of heavenly Love from our Father, wherein I believe I am often bettered for your tender Breathings to the living Rock of all our Ability and Comfort: And the Remembrance of that near Unity, and ſweet Fellowſhip, which many of us have been nurſed and built up in, and wherein we had to take Leave one of another, is often renewed in my View, and made ſomewhat like a Staff to lean upon (in Part) in my Travel: And in feeling the Renewal of quickning Virtue from the everlaſting Root, my Heart is often filled with Supplication to the God and Father of all our Mercies, that his powerful Preſence may often be with all your Spirits, to ſtrengthen heavenly Zeal and Care in every Heart for your own Good, and for that of the Family of God: And that pure Wiſdom and Unity of Heart may be, and continue to increaſe among all.

"I doubt not but that it will be a Degree of Joy to you, to hear of me and my Companion's being well, and on our Way in the Lord's Work; and I may likewiſe add, that pure and living Love often moving in my Heart towards you, has encouraged me to ſend a few Lines as a Token of my Remembrance of you, and therewith my dear Salutation in the Love and Fellowſhip of Chriſt our Lord; and in humble Reverence to let you know, that the living and powerful Word, that drew us away from amongſt you for the preſent, hath been graciouſly near in our Services hitherto, to our great Comfort (notwithſtanding it has been our Lot ſometimes, to wade thro' Sorrow and Suffering of Spirit for Truth's ſake) and has proſpered the Work in ſeveral Places; both in Awakening ſome of the Forgetful and Lukewarm; in Reaching to many amongſt the poor, airy, and wanton Youth, by his baptiſing

ting Power; alſo in Gathering ſome from *without* in divers Places: And the living and concerned Hearts for *Sion*'s Proſperity, are ſtrengthned and encouraged.

" And tho' a Forgetfulneſs of the Lord's Goodneſs, and merciful Viſitation in ſome, and of the Duty of living near the Truth, and an Unwillingneſs to walk within, and a Slight of the Bounds of Truth in others, have ſorrowfully prevailed in too many Places; yet bleſſed be the Lord God for ever, he is at work, and ariſing to turn the Stream of divers hurtful Things which have crept in; and I am ſtrong in Faith, that the Power and Life of Righteouſneſs is prevailing, and will ſpread in the Earth, and in theſe Countries, even in this Generation, to the Glory of God, and the Comfort of the Living.

" And, my *dear Friends*, I have it in my Heart to requeſt of you, and tenderly to adviſe all Fathers and Mothers, Miniſters and Elders, in particular, carefully to wait to feel the Love and Life of the bleſſed Truth to ariſe in your Hearts; to ſtrengthen and increaſe a heavenly Zeal and Concern to do the Work of your Day, according to your Abilities, with due Diligence, while you have Time and Opportunity. And I believe the Lord will enlarge your Capacities for your ſeveral Services, and will bleſs your Labour and Care in and for the Church; will alſo looſen ſome from theſe lower Enjoyments, and ſtriving too earneſtly after them, both with reſpect to the Gain, and the Greatneſs of this enticing World, either for yourſelves or your Poſterity; the Graſping after which, has hindred divers amongſt us from being ſo ſerviceable in their Day, as they might have been; and not only ſo, but a Way hath been opened thereby to greater Damage, in their becoming Snares and Hurts to their Off-ſpring.

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" And you who are Mothers, keep in a diligent watchful Labour, that the Youth, who generally are more immediately under your Eye, and ſometimes your ordering too, in ſeveral Reſpects, may grow up, and be preſerved in ſuch Society and Converſation, as is moſt likely to influence them to love the Truth, Purity, and the Adorning, and Behaviour agreeable to it; which is the moſt beautiful of all: And Fathers likewiſe ſhould carefully unite together in this Concern.------Suffer, *dear Friends*, this Word of Exhortation to have due Place with you; for the pure Love from the Boſom of the Father moves in my Heart often, and at this Time towards you.

" And you tender, and concerned Youth, who are very dear to me, be encouraged to follow on to feel the humbling Love and Goodneſs of God to ariſe and prevail in you, and to hope in the Strength of his powerful Arm; which tho' it may ſometimes lead thro' exerciſing Siftings, yet will it carry forward that bleſſed Work, and Way to Bleſſing, which is begun in many amongſt you: For I am well aſſured, that the Love and Favour of the God of Bleſſings is mercifully extended towards the younger Generation, to make you ſerviceable in his Houſe, both Males and Females, and truly honourable in your Day: And I have ſtrong Hopes, that the Lord will raiſe up many among you, who often walk with heavy, and doubtful Hearts; and make you as poliſhed Shafts in his mighty Hand, and Inſtruments of honourable Service in the Church; to the Comfort of many Souls, and the Spreading the Fame of Wiſdom in the Earth, if you patiently wait and depend upon the Sufficiency of his holy Power.

" And that thus, my *near Friends*, the Lord's Power and Love may be with you, his own Life riſe higher and higher among you, and the Glory

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of the Reign and Government of *Sion*'s King ſhine through you, in all your Services, to the Glory of the Lord God of our Salvation; is the humble Travel of my Spirit, who remain your near Brother in the heavenly Covenant: *Farewel, Farewel.*

Weſt-Jerſey, 5*th of the* *Firſt Mo.* 1722. JOHN FOTHERGILL."

The 17th of the 1ſt Month we came over *Delaware* to *Philadelphia* to the Meeting of Miniſters, it being their Half-years-meeting, principally for Worſhip, for the Provinces of *Pennſylvania* and the *Jerſeys*; to which came a great Number Friends, and our gracious God was pleaſed to favour the Meetings with his holy Preſence, and opened many Things through us, to their Comfort and Help; tending to ſtir up and engage many Hearts to Diligence in following and ſerving the Lord. Friends parted in Thankfulneſs towards him, and true Nearneſs one towards another.

After ſome other Service among Friends in the City, and preparing for our Journey towards *New-England*, we ſet forward, having many Friends with us, the 22d to a Meeting at *Briſtol*; where a Man and his Wife, from among the Seventh-day *Baptiſts*, had been convinced when we were there before: The Woman was there now, and in a ſolid tender Frame: The Meeting was, in the main, comfortable and edifying, tho' under ſome Exerciſe with a dull unfaithful People.

The 23d we went over the River *Delaware*, and called to viſit a Friend (*Thomas Lambert*'s Wife) who had been long indiſpoſed, with whom we had a comfortable Opportunity; we then went forward to *John Watts*'s at *Stony-brook*, and had a Meeting there that Evening, which was helpful and ſeaſoning. The 24th we went to *John Kinſey*'s at *Woodbridge*, and on the 25th, being Firſt day, were

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at a Meeting there, to which came many other People, and the Lord gave us a good and prevailing Seaſon among them. The 26th we ſet out towards *Long-Iſland*, and on the 27th had a Meeting at *Newtown*, where many Friends met us, and ſeveral other Profeſſors came in: And it pleaſed the Lord to give us a good Time to the Profit of many. The 28th we were at a large Meeting at *Weſtbury*, where the Goſpel Doctrine and Life was freely extended and declared in its own Authority, to the Help and Comfort of many.

The 29th we had a Meeting at *Matinicock*, where many People not of our Profeſſion came in, and a bleſſed Opportunity it was made to us; many Hearts being reached with the Life of Truth, and were bowed before the Lord God Almighty. The 30th at *Cow-neck* we had a very large Meeting of divers Profeſſors; and the bleſſed Teſtimony and humbling Power of Truth, in the Love of it, affected many Hearts.

The 31ſt we called to viſit ſeveral Friends, and on the 1ſt of the ſecond Month 1723, being Firſt-day, were at Friends Meeting at *Fluſhing*, which was very large; it was a Time of faithful Warning to ſome, and of ſolid Edification to many, thro' the Lord's Goodneſs.

The 2d we ſet out on our Journey towards *Rhode-Iſland*, and had a Meeting with Friends at *Weſt Cheſter* upon the Continent, and the 3d at *Rye*, to which ſeveral People came, and Truth favoured us with its Help and living Preſence to our Comfort. The 4th we proceeded on our Journey towards *Connecticut*, having that Place in View, and got on the Firſt-Day, which was the 8th, to a Friend's houſe (*John Richmond*) in *Rhode-Iſland* Government, where we had a good little Meeting with a few Friends and others who came in. The next Day we viſited ſeveral Friends in our Way to

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Kingſton, where on the 10th we had a Meeting, to which pretty many People gathered, and the Lord gave us a good Time among them. That Evening we went over to *Conanicot Iſland*, and had a Meeting with Friends there, and on the next Day in the Evening we came to *Newport* in *Rhode-Iſland*, and were the 12th at the Meeting there, which was pretty large and comfortable. The 13th we went to *Portſmouth* to Friends Quarterly-meeting for the Buſineſs of the Church; wherein Truth was renewedly preſent in Counſel and Help under ſome Exerciſe attending Friends, from ſome brittle unſettled Spirits; but the Power of God was over all in a good Degree, to the Comfort of the Right-minded. The next Day we were at their Meeting for Miniſters and Elders, and came from thence to *Newport*, and on the 15th, being Firſt-day, we were at the Meeting there, which was very large; and the Lord's Power and glorious Teſtimony reached eminently forth, making profitable Impreſſions on many Hearts, to the Glory and Praiſe of the Lord our God, who alone is worthy for ever.

The 16th we went to a Meeting appointed at *Tiverton* at *J. Wanton's*, to which came pretty many Friends and others; and the Lord gave us a good Opportunity, in the Ability of his Power to declare the Truth, and its holy Teſtimony was exalted over all earthly and looſe Spirits. The 17th we had a Meeting at little *Compton*, wherein the Teſtimony of the everlaſting Truth went freely and powerfully over the Looſe and Lukewarm, to the Awakening of ſome; and much to the Encouragement of the living Travellers for Truth's Proſperity. The Day following we had a good and ſolidly edifying Meeting at *Coarſet*, and the next Day another very large one at *Poniganſet*; and a

bleſſed Time it was, in the freſh Extending and Prevalency of the Lord's Power.

The 20th we had a Meeting at *Rocheſter*, which thro' the gracious Attendance of the Power of Truth was made a good Opportunity to many, and the Lord's holy Name was magnified. The 21ſt we viſited a Family of Friends in the Way, where we had ſome good Service, and went to *Sandwich*. The 22d, being Firſt day, we were at the Meeting there, wherein the great Duty and Advantage of loving God and his Truth, in Sincerity of Heart on one Hand; and the Miſchief and Hurt with Reſpect to Religion, by loving the World, the Things and Spirit thereof, on the other, were largely declared; to the Help and Stirring-up of many Minds, the Exaltation of the Power of Truth, and the Praiſe of the Lord God Almighty.

The 23d we had a Meeting near this Place, at the Houſe of a Perſon who was indiſpoſed, to which ſeveral who did not profeſs with us came, and the Lord was pleaſed to own us in his Power and Goodneſs, greatly to our Satisfaction, and to the Comfort of many. The 24th we had a Meeting near *Yarmouth* among a few Friends, and ſeveral others who ſeemed to attend to the Teſtimony of Truth with Diligence; but it went forth againſt a looſe negligent Spirit that was given way to, by divers called *Friends* here-away, much to the Diſhonour of Truth; yet we were comforted in the Lord who helped us. The 25th we were at Friends Meeting at *Sandwich* again, wherein the Lord opened our Hearts and Mouths in Counſel and Admonition, alſo in Encouragement to the Honeſt-hearted; and gave us a bleſſed Opportunity together to his Glory and Praiſe, who is alone worthy for ever.

The 26th we went to *Succaneſſet*, where was gathered a pretty large Meeting of Friends and others; and the Teſtimony of Truth and Righteouſneſs,

teouſneſs, in the Love and Power of Chriſt, extended freely among them, both to inform, reprove and confirm in the Way of Righteouſneſs, to the Profit of ſeveral, and our Comfort. The next Day we rode to *Pembroke*, and on the 29th, being Firſt-day, were at Friends Meeting there, in which the Lord was near to help us in his Service; tho' we found that a great Deal of Dulneſs and Indifferency about Religion, had prevailed among Friends; whereof they were warned, and ſtirred up to conſider its Tendency, and to be more careful in feeling after the Power and Life of Truth in themſelves: And we had our Reward of Peace and Sweetneſs in the Love of God.

The 30th we had a Meeting at *Scituate*, to which came many ſober People, and the Goſpel-power and Teſtimony roſe and went forth among them freely, to the great Satisfaction and Comfort of divers. We took our Leave of Friends there, and came up to *Pembroke* again, and from thence to *Joſeph Eddy*'s near *Taunton*, where on the 2d of the Third Month we had a bleſſed and open Meeting with the few Friends there; many People not profeſſing with us came in, who ſeemed much ſatisfied with the Teſtimonies delivered. The 3d we had a Meeting with Friends at *William Chaſe*'s at *Swanzey*, wherein the Lord's Goodneſs was manifeſted, much to our Comfort; and the next Day we had a Meeting over a great River, in a Place called *Fair-Town*, where few Friends live, but a conſiderable Number of other People came, and heard the Truth declared attentively; but in general they are a hard dark People. We came over the River again, and went towards *Providence* Woods, where on the 6th, being Firſt-day, we were at a large Meeting in Friends Meeting-houſe near this Place, and Truth helped us to declare the Way of Life and Salvation, among a wild raw People who came in,

and the Religiouſly-minded were comforted and encouraged, the Life of Truth ſeeming low among them. The next Day we went towards *Mendam*, where on the 8th we had a Meeting, in which we had a good and profitable Seaſon in the Love of God; and on the 9th were at the Monthly-meeting of Friends in the upper Part of *Providence*, wherein the Lord opened Counſel in his living Power, and gave us a good and heavenly Time with Friends and ſeveral others. Friends afterwards went thro' their Buſineſs in Peace, and we had ſome Service with them therein, to their Help.

The 10th we came down to *Benjamin Smith's*, viſiting ſeveral Friends in our Way, and on the 11th we had a Meeting in the Town, to which came many ſober People, and the Lord's Power and Goſpel-teſtimony went freely forth, in a tendering Manner; we had a good Service, and the People were glad of the Opportunity. We went that Night to *Warwick*, where we were at a large Yearly-meeting on the 12th, to which came many of other Profeſſions, and the Lord's Power and bleſſed Teſtimony reached freely, and was eſtabliſhed over all, to Friends Satisfaction. The 13th we went to *Greenwich*, where a Yearly-meeting began that Day, and was held the following. The Meeting was very large, many Hundreds of People being gathered, ſo that the Houſe could not contain them: Wherefore we kept the Meeting in a Friend's Orchard, and tho' there was a great Multitude of young wild People, yet the Lord's bleſſed Preſence and glorious Power, favoured the Meeting, and the Teſtimony and Doctrine of the Goſpel was declared in great Dread, and went over moſt there, ſtilling the Spirits of the People wonderfully. And it was made an alarming Seaſon to the Careleſs and Forgetful; a tender Viſitation to many of the Youth, and a Time of Strengthning

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of the Hearts of the true Seekers of *Zion*'s Proſperity, to the Glory and Praiſe of the Lord God, who is worthy for ever.

The 15th we went up into the Woods to *Iſhmael Spink*'s to a Meeting, where ſeveral friendly People were met, and we had a good Opportunity with them. The 16th we went farther back into the Wilderneſs, to a new ſettled Place called *Volintown*, having ſent to have a Meeting appointed there for that Day; but very few of the People came to it, being very rainy: The Lord was pleaſed to open his Hand of Love amongſt us in the little Meeting we had, to our Comfort and the Peoples Satisfaction; we went that Night to another Town where were no Friends, and on the 17th we had a Meeting there, in which the Lord our God was graciouſly near, and opened us in the Life and Doctrine of the Goſpel to our great Comfort; the People were very loving, and ſeemed much ſatisfied. The 18th we had a Meeting at the Houſe of one not a Friend, and who was deſirous thereof, where the Lord's Power reached forth freely, and the Teſtimony of Truth prevailed to our mutual Comfort. The next Day we came to *William Robinſon*'s at *Kingſton*, and on the 20th, being Firſt-day, we were at Friends Meeting there, and Notice having been given ſome time before, ſeveral Friends from other Places, and many of the Country People came in; ſo that it was a very large Meeting, and the Teſtimony of Truth went forth among them in great Dread; tending to awaken them out of a ſlothful Eaſe, which many in that Country had long ſat down in; ſeveral of them having been convinced ſome Years, but ſhunned the Croſs of Chriſt: And a Meeting of good Service it was made, in the Love and Mercy of God, and much to our Satisfaction.

Being clear of theſe Parts at preſent, we went along with Friends over a Water to *Conanicot*, to

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David Green's, and on the 21ſt we croſſed another Ferry to *Newport*; and there a Paſſage offering, we ſet out directly for *Nantucket-Iſland*, whither we then inclined, and got there, thro' the Care of divine Providence, the next Day in good Time, but wearied with hard Travelling, and poor Lodging; but all was well, Truth being with us, and ſweetened all. We lodged at *Nathanael Starbuck*'s, and ſtaid a Week upon the Iſland, having ſeveral large public Meetings, and many others in ſeveral Families; and the Lord Almighty was pleaſed to own and attend us with his living, ſtrengthning Power, and holy Counſel, for the ſeveral Services, to the Glory of his own Name; and bleſſed our Labour, to the great Comfort and Help of Friends, and the Satisfaction of many of the People, who came freely and pretty generally to our Meetings, eſpecially on the Firſt-day of the Week: And we took our Leave of Friends in much Sweetneſs and Nearneſs of Spirit in the Love of God, with true Thankfulneſs of Heart to him, for the Help and Comfort of his living and glorious Preſence.

The 29th we ſet out for the Main Land again, accompanied by ſeveral Friends in a Sloop, and got well aſhore, and were the 30th at Friends Week-day Meeting at *Ponigarſet*. The 31ſt we went to *Thomas Hathaway*'s at *Cuſhanet*, and on the next Day, which was the 1ſt of the Fourth Month, we had a pretty large Meeting there of Friends and others; with whom we had a profitable, informing Seaſon in the Power of Truth, but very heavy and ſtrait amongſt ſuch as might have been a Comfort. The 3d we were at the Meeting at *Poniganſet* again, where moſt of thoſe in that Part of the Country, and ſome Friends from a great Diſtance, met together; and it pleaſed the Lord of Mercies ſo to help us with Power and Wiſdom, that the Doctrine of the Kingdom, in the Life of Truth went freely forth

forth and prevailed in a good Meaſure over many Hearts, and the Lord's Name was magnified, being worthy for ever.

The 4th we went to *Swanzey*, thro' the Woods and bad Way, to *Joſeph Chaſe*'s, and were the next Day at a large Meeting, where a Marriage of two young People was ſolemnized; a conſiderable Number of People of different Profeſſions came to it, and the Lord was pleaſed to magnify his own Name and Teſtimony to our Comfort.

The 6th we went towards *Rhode-Iſland*, and the next Day were at the Yearly-meeting at *Portſmouth*, wherein the Father of all Mercies greatly owned us with his Power, encouraging to hope for his Help for the Service of the other Part of the Meeting, which was held at *Newport*, to which Place we went that Night. On the 8th the Meeting gather'd at *Newport*, and continued four Days; it was ſuppoſed to be the largeſt that was ever held there; it being computed, that near Two Thouſand People were preſent; and the Lord Almighty, the never-failing Helper of his depending Children, graciouſly opened his glorious Goſpel Teſtimony to the People freely and plentifully, in the Demonſtration of his eternal Power and Wiſdom, greatly to the Comfort and Confirmation of many Souls: There appeared to be a general Satisfaction, and awful Reverence on the Minds of People: Divers Matters came under the Conſideration of Friends, relating to the Propagation of Truth and Righteouſneſs, and the comely Order of the Goſpel, in the Meetings for Buſineſs; all which were carried on in Peace and Amity, and the great and moſt worthy Name of the Lord was magnified over all. After this Meeting was over, we ſet forward towards *Boſton*, and the Eaſt, and came to *Swanzey* the 12th, viſiting ſeveral Friends in the Way.

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The 13th we went to *Taunton*, where we had appointed a Meeting at *Joſeph Eddy*'s, to which many Friend's accompanied us, and a pretty many People likewiſe came in; ſo that we kept our Meeting in a Barn, and had a good open Seaſon, and the Word of Life went freely forth to the People, who ſeemed to hearken with Gladneſs, and the Life of Truth affected many Hearts with ſolid Comfort. After Meeting we went about ſeven Miles, and got the 14th to *Boſton*, where we had a Meeting that Day, to which a conſiderable Number of People came, and Truth favoured us with a pretty open Time.

The 15th we went to *Lynn*, where we had a large Meeting, in which the Power of the Lord God, and the holy Teſtimony of Truth went forth eminently againſt a dull, carnal Mind, and worldly libertine Inclination, which prevailed too much; and for the Purity and ſaving Nature of the Goſpel; and many Hearts were comforted. We went to *Salem* the Day following, and on the 17th, being Firſt-day, we had two large Meetings there; ſeveral ſoberly-inclined People came in, and thro' the Goodneſs and Love of God, Truth's Teſtimony and Power was exalted, to the Refreſhing of many Hearts, and the Awakening of others to more religious Conſiderations; ſo that the Lord's Cauſe gained Ground over worldly Eaſe and Darkneſs in ſome good Degree, bleſſed be his powerful Name for ever.

The 18th we went to *Newberry*, and on the 19th we had a Meeting near the Middle of the Town, in a Warehouſe belonging to Captain *Brown* (ſo called) who offered it freely, and was very loving to us: Many of the Town's-People came in and about the Houſe, ſome appearing afraid to come in; yet the Word of Life, and Teſtimony of Jeſus, was evidently manifeſt among us in the Love of God, and had

had a ſatisfactory Reach and Impreſſion upon many: We parted with much Chearfulneſs, and our Hearts were made truly glad, in that the Word of Truth prevailed among them.

On the 20th we had a Meeting at *Haveril* at *Robert Peaſley*'s, to which a pretty many People came, and we had a good Seaſon among them, Truth in Part prevailing. The 21ſt we were at a Meeting at *Elmsbury*, which was pretty large, it being Friends Monthly-meeting for the Affairs of the Church; and it was a profitable, awakening and edifying Time; the living Power of Truth being manifeſtly among Friends to our Comfort.

The 22d we had a Meeting at *Hampton*, which, tho' much Dulneſs and Flatneſs of Spirit had prevailed upon divers, yet thro' the bleſſed Attendance of the Lord's Counſel and Power, we had a profitable Seaſon. We went the next Day to *Dover* to Friends Monthly-meeting, and on the 24th, being Firſt-day, we were at the Meeting again, where ſome ſober People were gathered with Friends, and the Power and Teſtimony of Truth was ſweetly manifeſt among us thro' divine Favour.

The 25th we travelled thro' a long diſmal Wilderneſs, to a Town called *Wells*, being deſirous of having a Meeting there, which was held the 26th. But the People were very ſhy of Friends, thro' the crafty and falſe Inſinuations of the Prieſts, who nevertheleſs did not appear while we were there. We lodged at an Inn that Night, in our Way to *York*, at which Place we alſo inclined to have a Meeting; and the 27th, with pretty much endeavouring, we got Liberty, and had a little Meeting: Several People came in and ſat quietly, others came about the Houſe, but ſeemed afraid to come in; yet it pleaſed the Lord to own us, and to open in the Word of Life, ſo that divers appeared much ſatisfied, and were loving to us: We came

that Evening to *J. Morrill's* at *Kittery*, and on the 28th went down by Water, near the Mouth of *Piſcataway*, and had a Meeting at a Place called the *Point*, with a conſiderable Number of People, no Friends living there-away; and the glorious Goſpel, both in Doctrine and living Power, went over all; many were affected with Truth, and the Name of the Lord was magnified.

The 29th we had a Meeting at the Town called *Portſmouth*, in an Inn, where Abundance of People gathered, and were in general very attentive and ſober; and the Lord's Glory and heavenly Teſtimony aroſe and prevailed over the Hearts of moſt preſent, many of them freely confeſſing it was the Truth which was declared; and we were truly comforted in the God of Strength. We went that Evening to *Kittery*, and on the 30th came back to *Hampton* to the Quarterly-meeting of Friends which began that Day, and we had a good Seaſon in the Love of God, among the Miniſters and Elders.

The 1ſt of the Fifth Month, being Firſt-day, we had a very large Meeting both of Friends and many others, and the Lord was pleaſed to magnify his own Power and Teſtimony in divers Reſpects, greatly to the Help and Edification of Friends, and Satisfaction to the General; and he had the Praiſe of his own Work, who is worthy for ever. The 2d I was at the Meeting for Buſineſs, where I ſtaid a Part of the Meeting, and was opened in divers weighty Exhortations, and to recommend to Friends more particular Care, ſome hindering Things which were creeping in among them, that they might watch in their reſpective Places againſt the Corruptions of the World; and took my Leave of the Meeting, and rode to the Burial of a Friend's Wife, whither a great Number of People came who had never been at a Friends Meeting before; with whom the Lord gave me a bleſſed Time, to

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their great Satisfaction, and to our Comfort. And then went to the *Grove* about Five Miles farther, where many People came, and there alſo the Word and Way of Life, was livingly ſet forth, and they ſtaid with great Attention.

The 3d we got up early, and rode Thirty-four Miles to a Meeting beyond *Piſcataway-river*, where we had a bleſſed Seaſon in the Life and Power of God to preach the Truth; and ſeveral of the People were deeply affected with it. We went that Night to *Francis Allen*'s in *Kittery*, and the 4th had a Meeting in *Newichawannack*, at a Friend's Houſe; to which came ſeveral other People, tho' greatly afraid on Account of the Prieſts; yet the Teſtimony of Truth in the Love of God, went freely forth among them, and divers were tenderly affected.

The 5th we were at Friends Meeting at *Dover*, where we had a good Opportunity, the Life of Truth, and divine Part of Religion was earneſtly recommended, and prevailed; and the Slothful, Idle and Remiſs were warned and admoniſhed. The 6th we had a Meeting at *Kecheachy*, at *Ebenezer Varney*'s, where many of the neighbouring People came in, and ſtaid with great and ſolemn Attention, to hear the everlaſting Goſpel declared, whereunto the Lord furniſhed us in his living Power; and Truth was exalted to general Satisfaction, bleſſed be the Lord God for ever. The next Day we viſited ſeveral Friends Families, and on the 8th, being Firſt-day, were at Friends Meeting again, where Abundance of the Country-people were gathered from all Parts there-about, and the Lord was pleaſed to own us with his living Preſence, and opened our Hearts in the Things of Salvation in many Reſpects, which went forth freely to the Meeting in much Plainneſs, and living Demonſtration, to the Eſtabliſhment and Information of many Souls; ſome were convinced of the Truth,

and brought to taſte of its Goodneſs, who I hope will continue to walk in it: It was a Day of good Service for the Lord, thro' his gracious Help, who has the Glory of all: The 9th, being about to depart from this Place, many Friends came to ſee and take Leave of us, with whom we had a heavenly bowing Time, in the Life of Truth, which was plentifully with us, greatly to our Comfort, and uniting our Hearts in the Fellowſhip of Truth. We parted with many Friends there, and others accompanied us to *Stretham*, where a Meeting was apppointed at a Friend's Houſe; to which divers of the neighbouring People came, who were much Strangers to Truth; we had ſome Service among them, and came away with true Satisfaction, in the Peace of the Lord our God.

The 10th we had a large Meeting at *Elmsbury* again, which greatly tended to our Comfort, to encourage the Living, and to awaken ſome ſluggiſh, unfaithful Profeſſors, and to the Winning upon the Hearts of many of the Youth: ſome of the neighbouring People ſeemed much ſatisfied, and it was a Time of good Service for the Truth, in the Lord's Power, and thro' his Help: We lodged that Night at *Henry Dowe*'s, where in the Evening the Lord gave us a bleſſed edifying Seaſon, in his humbling Love and Power, to the Help of the Family and our Comfort.

The 11th we had a Meeting at *Newberry*, wherein the Lord greatly owned us in his Love and Counſel, for the Spreading of Truth, and to the ſolid Comfort of Friends in general. On the 12th we had a Meeting at *Ipſwich*, with a ſober innocent Woman Friend, her Children, and ſome of the Neighbours, together with ſeveral Friends who accompanied and met us here, and had a ſatisfactory Seaſon among them. The 13th we were at a large Meeting at *Salem*, where the Lord opened

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many cloſe and weighty Things to Friends in the Senſe of the Liſe of Truth, tending to their Growth in Righteouſneſs, and Preſervation in the Life and Subſtance of Religion, and helped me to diſcharge my Spirit faithfully, and to a great Degree of inward Liberty and Comfort, bleſſed be his holy Name for ever.

Finding ſome Engagement remain, and revive upon my Spirit towards *Dover* again, I could not be eaſy without returning back; therefore leaving my Companion, and having another Friend with me, we rode to *Dover* the Seventh-day, tho' it was extream hot Weather, and we had ſeveral large Ferries to croſs, and got to *John Kenny*'s in good Time. And on the 15th being Firſt-day, met with Friends who were abundantly glad of my Return, divers ſignifying their Expectations of my coming again; and the Lord was pleaſed to give us a good and confirming Meeting, much to the Help of many, eſpecially of ſome tender-ſpirited People, who had been reached by the Love and Power of Truth when we were there before.

The 16th I had a large and prevailing Meeting at *Oyſter-river*, in the Power and Goodneſs of the Lord, wherein many Hearts were affected with Reverence and Worſhip to the Almighty; but I believe the evil Spirit was diſturbed, and ſtirred up a Woman to make a Jangle and Clamour againſt the Truth and Friends, but not being able to ſhew any Thing from Scripture, either againſt what was delivered there that Day, or againſt us in any Thing, which I deſired her to make appear if ſhe could; the People generally blamed her, and would have had her been quiet, for Truth prevailed that Day in many Minds. The 17th I went to a Meeting I had appointed at *Spruce-Creek*, where divers ſober-inclined People came in, much Strangers to the Truth, and its Doctrine; and the Lord gave us a good

good Seaſon, in the Ability of his Power: Several of the People were very tender, and I believe ſome will be gathered, ere it be long, to the Knowledge of the Truth.

The 18th I viſited ſome Friends Families, and on the 19th had a Meeting at *Andrew Neal*'s in *Newtchawannack*, which was made, in the Extendings of divine Favour, a good Seaſon, to the Help and Comfort of many, both Friends and ſome Strangers. The 20th I had a Meeting in *Kecheachy*, at *Joſeph Iſtis*'s near the Prieſt's Houſe; many of whoſe Hearers came in, and ſeveral were much affected with the Life and Doctrine of the Goſpel, which I had to bear Teſtimony of, and the Truth gained Ground to our Comfort, and the Glory of God. We went up to *Thomas Hanſon*'s that Night, to be ſome Encouragement to the Family to keep their Places, and their Truſt in the Arm of the Lord, and ſure Defence of his People, it being at that Time ſtrongly reported, that the *Indians* were on the Point of commencing Hoſtilities againſt the *Engliſh*, and the People were generally gathering to Garriſons, this Country being almoſt a Frontier that Way. We had a good Seaſon that Evening in his Houſe; there were two young Women preſent who had been convinced where I was, ſome few Meetings before, and they were very tender and humble, with ſome other young People who came in; ſo that it was a profitable edifying Seaſon, in the Senſe of ſtrengthning Life from the Lord God. The 21ſt I was at Friends Monthly-meeting, where many Friends gathered, and it was a good confirming Time; the Love and Goodneſs of Truth being very near, both to help the truly Needy, and the Stirring-up of the Unfaithful and Negligent.

The 22d, being Firſt-day, I was at Friends Meeting at *Dover*, where gathered Abundance of People

People of many Sorts, and our bleſſed and never-failing Helper was graciouſly regardful of his own Work, and owned us with his Power, both to inform the Unlearned, to warn the Rebellious and Negligent, to ſtrengthen the Travellers, the Babes, and the Tender; very much humbling Impreſſion having been made upon many young People thereaway: We had ſome precious ſweet Seaſons, in the Extendings of the Life of Truth that Evening among Friends in ſome Families.

The 23d I came to *Hampton*, accompanied with many Friends, and had a good ſettling and reviving Meeting, in the Senſe of divine Love, and parted well, and near one another. The 24th I had a large and bleſſed Meeting at *Haveril*, at *Robert Peaſley's*, and took Leave of Friends there-away, under a weighty and tendering Degree of the Love and Life of Chriſt our Lord. The 25th, after ſome time of weighty Exhortation, and tender Salutation to the Family and Children, which was a comfortable Seaſon, bleſſed be the Lord our God for ever, I ſet out towards *Salem*, and had ſome Service at an Inn by the Way, to declare the Truth and the Way of its Working; of which the People had never heard ſo much before, and ſeemed glad of the Opportunity, and I was comforted in the Love of God, which was with us ſweetly.

The 26th I was at Friends Meeting at *Salem* again, not finding I could paſs eaſy by it, tho' I thought I had been clear before, and the Lord gave us a good Time, to the Refreſhing of many, and his great Name was glorified. The 27th I had a Meeting in *Lynn* at a Friend's Houſe, at the Requeſt of ſome of his Neighbours; it was a good open Time, in the Love of Truth, which flowed towards ſome, in clear Doctrine and Sweetneſs, but cloſe and humbling Warning to ſome deeceitful Profeſſors;

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The 28th I came to *Boſton*, and here met with my Companion again. And on the 29th, being Firſt day, we had two Meetings; likewiſe another on the Second-day, and again on the Third, in Friends Meeting-houſe there: to all which there came a conſiderable Number of ſoberly-behaved People, eſpecially to the two Latter; and Truth's Teſtimony went forth freely, and ſeemed to have conſiderable Influence upon ſeveral of the younger People particularly, and on ſome of the young Prieſthood; tho' there were but a few Friends in the Place, and ſome of thoſe Few, not what they ought to be in their Converſations; we laboured to have them together ſelect or deſtinct from other People, in order to adviſe them to be more wiſe, and to have more Regard to the Truth and their own Good; and we hope it may be of ſome Service to them, and to the Truth, and the Comfort and Strength of ſuch poor Hearts among them who love the Truth, and ſeek the Honour of God; but abominable Pride, Envy and Hypocriſy prevails ſtill higher in that Place, more and more incurring the Lord's Diſpleaſure, which will certainly come upon them, as an armed Man, ſooner or latter, except they ſeek a Place of Repentance in Time.

The 1ſt of the Sixth Month we left the Town, and came to *William Chaſe*'s jun. at *Swanzey*, and had a Meeting there the Day following; which the Lord was pleaſed to own, and bleſs with his Preſence and Counſel, to our great Eaſe, and Friends Comfort, and the Lord's Name was magnified. The 3d we had a Meeting over the River at *Neſannet*, to which ſeveral People not of our Profeſſion came, and we had a profitable Seaſon, the People appearing much ſatisfied. The 4th we had a Meeting at ſome Diſtance from hence, where

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the People were much Strangers to Friends and Truth, yet they ſeem'd ſatisfied with the Doctrine and the Teſtimony of it. The 5th being Firſt-day, we came to *Portſmouth* on *Rhode-Iſland*, where the Meeting was very large, and thro' the Lord's Goodneſs was made a helpful Seaſon, the Life of Truth prevailing over all. The 6th we came to *Newport*, and ſpent ſome Days among Friends there; and went to the Week-day Meeting at *Portſmouth* again, which proved a Time of much Eaſe to us, thro' the free Opening of Life, and Ability of Truth, which greatly prevailed, and revived many Hearts to the Praiſe of the Lord Almighty. The Fifth-day of the Week we had a great and humbling Meeting at *Newport*, under the merciful Attendance of divine Power, which opened us both in warning the Looſe and Self-lovers, and extended Relief and Help to the Upright and Tender; and Information to others not of us, pretty many being preſent that Day on Account of a Marriage. The Sixth and Seventh Days were partly ſpent in viſiting Friends, ſome Widows, and ſome Sick, and went to *Conanicot* in the Evening.

The 12th we went to *Kingſton* in *Narraganſet* to a Yearly-meeting, which continued Firſt and Second Days; where many Friends, and Abundance of wildiſh, airy, inſenſible People were gathered from divers Places, tho' many of them have long been willing to hear Truth declared; and certainly the Lord's Goodneſs and Mercy abounded towards them, and raiſed his own Teſtimony among us into great Dominion, for the Help and Warning, and Winning upon many; and to build up the honeſt Travellers in the holy Faith; ſo that the Lord God of Mercies bleſſed the Opportunity, and his holy Teſtimony gained Ground in the Judgments, and in the Hearts of the People to his Glory and Praiſe, who is worthy for ever. We lodged one Night at

William Robinſon's, and the other at *Thomas Rodman*'s, where we had a precious Time with ſeveral Friends.

The 14th we returned to *Conanicot*, and the 15th had a Meeting, to which many of the People of the Iſland came, among whom the Lord opened our Hearts and Mouths in Dread and Terror to the Looſe, and the Rejectors of the Croſs of Chriſt; they, many of them, having been a convinced People; yet healing Goodneſs and fatherly Love ran ſweetly towards ſuch as were in Want of Help; and it was made a graciouſly, edifying Seaſon. That Evening we came over to *Newport*, and on the 16th we were at the Week-day Meeting there; for my Heart remained under a deep Travel and Suffering for the Seed's-ſake, ſome hurtful Things having crept in among Friends on this Iſland reſpecting vain, worldly Liberty, which was a great Obſtruction to the Current of Divine Love, that gathers into, and maintains in Unity: In this Meeting the Life and Wiſdom of Truth greatly prevailed, many Hearts were bettered, and holy Strength, I believe, was gained by ſeveral, to watch and war more diligently againſt that Spirit which leads towards the World, and the Death and Darkneſs of it.

The 17th we went to a Meeting I wanted to have at *Tiverton* on the main Land, where Abundance of Friends and others were gathered; and the Lord bleſſed the Time with his Preſence and holy Help; and divers not of our Profeſſion, ſeemed much ſatisfied with the Doctrines declared; we parted under the bleſſed Senſe of the Good will of God, and I believe many holy Reſolutions were renewed that Day, thro' divine Goodneſs prevailing.

The 18th we returned to *Newport* again, viſiting ſeveral Friends in our Way, to Comfort, and on the

the 19th were at both Forenoon and Afternoon-meetings, which were very large, moſt of the Friends on the Iſland being there, and many other People; and the Lord God of all Power and Mercy was near and among us, in Wiſdom to divide the Word according to many States, making it a precious and bleſſed Seaſon, to the Help of the Lovers of Truth, and Warning of the Unruly and Diſobedient: Our Hearts were ſet at Liberty in this Life, to our great Eaſe and Diſcharge from this Part of the Country; and we had to part with Friends, and the Generality of the People, in much Nearneſs and true brotherly Reſpect, with humble Hearts before the Lord, who was ſo graciouſly near and good to us many Ways, and his glorious Name was magnified, which is worthy for ever. We now being at Liberty in Spirit to leave theſe Parts, we ſet forwards, the 20th early in the Morning towards *Long-Iſland*, accompanied by many Friends, and came over the two Ferries to *Narraganſet* Country, and came to *Weſterly* to *John Richmond*'s, where we had appointed a Meeting ſome time before; which was made a Time of great Comfort and Dominion in the Goings-forth of the Life and Teſtimony of Truth.

The 21ſt we came to *New-London* Ferry, and meeting with a Perſon who was willing to carry us over the Sound the next Day, we lodged at an Inn, and on the 22d took Boat, and had a fine eaſy Paſſage, and got aſhore early in the Afternoon, and rode up to *Southwold*. The 23d we came to *John Hollock*'s at *Scatanakit*, and the next Day had a Meeting there with a few Friends and others who came in, amongſt whom the Lord's Goodneſs and Counſel reached forth, to our Comfort, and their Help. We came away that Evening to *Bethpage*, and to *Weſtbury* the 25th, to Friends Quarterly-meeting which began that Day, and continued the 26th, which was Firſt-day, and the Meet-

ing was very large, it being ſuppoſed there were preſent near a Thouſand People; and the Power and Teſtimony of the Goſpel of Salvation extended freely towards them, and prevailed over many Hearts to the Glory of God.

The 27th we went to *Sequetaoge*, and had a Meeting with a few Friends and ſome other People, which was a pretty open Seaſon: We came back to *Bethpage* to *Thomas Powell*'s, and had a Meeting there that Evening; and the 28th we went to a Meeting at *Cow-neck*, which was very large, and the Lord made Way for his own Name and Teſtimony, ſo that many, both Friends and others, were humblingly affected therewith, and praiſed the God of all Mercies. The 29th we were at Friends Monthly-meeting at *Weſtbury*, and had ſome good Service among them, in the Going-forth of the Love and Counſel of Truth. We went to *Fluſhing* that Night, and the 30th croſſed the Ferry to the Main Land again, to a Meeting at *Memerry-neck*, and had a profitable Seaſon, in the Extendings of heavenly Love and Counſel towards a poor negligent People among them; hereby I was pretty much eaſed, and the 31ſt we went to a Meeting at *Benjamin Heaviland*'s in *Rye-Woods*, where pretty many of the ſeveral Perſuaſions were gathered, and the Lord favoured us with his Love, and Help to declare the Truth to the Conditions of many of them; the Meeting was of Service to divers, bleſſed be the Lord our God for his Preſence, and helping us to diſcharge ourſelves faithfully from Place to Place, to the Stirring-up and Encouragement of many; ſo that we now found ourſeves clear of thoſe Parts, and of *New-England* in general.

The 1ſt of the Seventh Month we came over to *Long-Iſland* again, to *Samuel Bowne*'s, viſiting ſeveral Friends in our Way, and on the 2d, being Firſt-day, we were at the Meeting at *Fluſhing*; and tho'

tho' divers Things ſeem'd to have crept in among Friends there, to their Hurt, and which obſtruct the Proſperity of Truth; yet the Lord helped to give due Portions in Dividing the Word to the Profit of many different States, and we were made truly near to the Living. The next Day we viſited ſome Friends Families, I hope to Profit, in the Good-will of Truth; and on the 4th we had a large and precious Meeting at *Oyſter-Bay*, in a Barn there, where moſt of the Chief of the Place, and ſeveral Juſtices of the Peace were preſent, and the Lord's powerful Teſtimony prevailed in the Hearts of many of the People, and I believe the Truth will again be exalted in that Place. We returned that Night to *William Withers*'s at *Weſtbury*, and on the 5th had a large and comfortable Meeting there in the eſtabliſhing bleſſed Life and Love of Truth, wherein we took Leave of Friends there-away, and came that Night to *John Rodman*'s at *Bay Side*.

The 6th we were at the Monthly-meeting at *Fluſhing*, where many Friends were met, and the Lord our God was pleaſed to favour us with his Preſence and Power to declare many profitable and weighty Things among them; tending to ſtir up and engage Friends in doubling their Diligence and Care to diſcharge themſelves faithfully, in Example and in Zeal for the Glory of the Name of the Lord; and it was a bleſſed Time, to the Help and Humbling of many; We parted with Friends in Love and Nearneſs of the heavenly Relation, and lodged at *Samuel Bowne*'s, where alſo we had a precious Time with many Friends, who came in there that Evening. The 7th we came to *New York*, and had a Meeting the ſame Evening: There are but few Friends, but a pretty innocent People; with whom, and ſome others who came in, we had a good and ſtrengthening Opportunity, in the Love of God.

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The 8th we came over a Part of *Long-Iſland*, and *Staten Iſland*, to *Woodbridge* in *Eaſt-Jerſey*, and on the 9th, being Firſt-day, we had one Meeting at Friends Meeting-houſe, and another at *Raway river*, at *John Shadwell's*; both which were favourably owned by the Lord of Mercies, and his Power and bleſſed Teſtimony extended in a comfortable Manner to us, and the Help of many, bleſſed be his glorious Name for ever.

The 10th we had a Meeting back in the Woods at *John Lane's*, where a conſiderable Number of People came in, and we had a good Opportunity to declare the Truth among them to Satisfaction, and came down to *John Kinſey's* at *Woodbridge*. The 11th we went over the Ferry at *Amboy*, and the 12th had a very large Meeting at *Shrewsbury*, wherein the Lord was pleaſed to open many Things thro' us, and to the People in many States, tending to gather the Strangers, and to build up the Convinced in the Power and Counſel of the holy Truth, much to our Eaſe, and the Confirmation of ſome in the Way of Righteouſneſs, and the holy Name was magnified.

The 13th we went to *Maneſquan*, where a few Friends live, and had a Meeting with them, to which ſeveral other People alſo came; and thro' the merciful Help of the Power of Truth, we had a ſeaſonable open Meeting. The next Day we ſet out for *Burlington*, in order to be at the Yearly-meeting there, being accompanied by many Friends, and were the 15th at the Meeting for Miniſters and Elders, which was the Beginning of the Yearly-meeting for the Province of *Pennſylvania* and the *Jerſeys*. The Public-meeting began on the 16th, and continued by Adjournment three Days, and the Fourth for the Affairs of Truth among Friends; all which were not only very large and orderly, but were greatly favoured with the

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weighty and glorious Power, and humbling Presence of the Lord our God, much to the Comfort of Friends, and a heavenly Visitation to many others: The Business of the Meeting was managed in the Peace and Wisdom of our heavenly Head, to Friends great Encouragement, and Renewing of true Zeal: We parted under a Sense of the Love and Favour of our gracious God, whose glorious Name was praised and magnified, who is worthy for ever.

The 20th we came to *Philadelphia*, to the Week-day Meeting, which was large, there being a Marriage solemnized that Day; and on the 22d went down to *Chester*, in our Way towards *Maryland*, we being not yet clear of that Province. The 23d, being First-day, we were at *Concord*, where Friends from many Parts gathered; the Meeting was very large, and the Lord's Power and holy Testimony, in many weighty Respects, extended freely and largely in a prevailing Manner. The next Day we visited several Friends Families, and the 25th had a Meeting at *Kennet*, which was large, and thro' the Lord's Goodness was made an edifying Season. We had a large Meeting also at *John Smith's*, at *Marlborough* the 26th, where thro' the blessed Favour and Help of divine Power and Wisdom, we had a precious and profitable Meeting.

The 27th we had a Meeting at *New-garden*, which was large, and also mercifully favoured with the Presence and Power of the Lord Almighty, whose holy Word of Wisdom and Counsel was freely opened among us, to the great Comfort and Help of many Hearts. And here we took our Leave of many Friends from several Parts, in the living Sense and true Nearness of the Love of Christ our holy Head, with Praises to God for his Goodness and Mercy.

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The 28th we had a Meeting at *Nottingham*, which was likewiſe large, and was made a bleſſed, ſtrengthening, and edifying Time, and the Teſtimony of Truth prevailed amongſt thoſe who were not of our Society. The Day following we croſſed over *Suſquehannah* into *Maryland*, and the 30th, being Firſt-Day, we were at a Meeting at *Buſh-River*, were there are but a few Friends, but many of the Neighbouring People came in, and we had ſome good Service amongſt them.

The 1ſt of the Eighth Month we came down near *Potapſco*, to *Jonathan Hanſon*'s, and on the 2d had a Meeting with ſome Friends who live thereabout, and ſeveral other People; and thro' the merciful Attendance of the Help of Truth, we had a good Time; tho' we found great Want of Zeal and Faithfulneſs to the Truth among the Profeſſors of it there-away; yet ſome are honeſtly concerned, and the Lord is mindful of his own Work, and the Good of his Heritage.

On the 3d we had a Meeting up the River at *Charles Pierpoint*'s, a pretty tender Man, under ſome Convincement, and his Wife alſo, with ſome friendly People there-away; we had a good Opportunity among them, in the Reaching-forth of the Goſpel love; and hope the Lord will prevail in his Viſitation, to gather in and build up a People to bear Teſtimony to the Truth there-away. The 4th we came downwards to *Henry Hill*'s, near *South-River*, and on the 5th had a Meeting there, where ſeveral friendly People were gathered, and the Goſpel-ſpring livingly opened towards them, making Impreſſion upon ſome; and when we were comforted in the Lord our gracious Helper. We got over the River that Night, and came to *Weſt-River*, to *Ann Galloway*'s. The 7th being Firſt-day, we were at Friends Meeting there, where pretty many People gathered from divers Places, and the Lord

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our God was pleaſed to open our Hearts in his Power and holy Counſel, to their Help; and we were concerned to ſtir up and warn againſt ſeveral hurtful Practices which were creeping in among them, and in diſcharging ourſelves we were filled with the Peace of God.

The 8th we had a full and pretty open Meeting at *Herring-Creek*, to our Satisfaction, and were helped to deal plainly, in the Love of Truth, with Friends there, and we parted in a comfortable Degree of Nearneſs of Spirit, thro' the merciful Extending of divine Regard. The 9th we had a Meeting at the *Cliffs*, where there is a good Body of honeſt, religiouſly-minded Friends, with whom we had an open, and a ſolid comfortable Time to our Satisfaction, and their Encouragement in the Way and Service of Truth. The 11th we took Boat, with many Friends in Company, and went over the Bay of *Cheſapeak*, in our Way to the approaching Yearly-meeting on the Eaſtern-ſhore, which began at *Treadhaven* the 13th, being Seventh day, and held till the Fourth of the following Week for public Worſhip, and the Affairs of Truth among Friends. Great Numbers of almoſt all Sorts of People came thither, and the Lord God was pleaſed to open the glorious Teſtimony of Truth, and the Way of Life, in his mighty Power; and the Word of Wiſdom prevailed in a good Meaſure, both upon the Hearts of many of the People, and to the great Encouragement of the Tender; and alſo to the Alarming and Rouzing up the Indifferent and Negligent. Their Buſineſs was managed in much Peace and Amity: They were alſo ſtirred up to more Diligence in Plain-dealing, and Care in divers Reſpects, which was gladly received by many, and the Lord's Power and Love crowned our Meeting to our mutual Joy and Comfort, and his glorious Name was humbly praiſed,

who is worthy for ever; for it is he who doth whatever is well done. After we had taken our Leave of Friends in the Love and Peace of God, we went that Night to the Widow *Pitts*'s, and the next Day up the Country to *Cheſter*, where we had a Meeting the 19th, and the 20th came to *Cecil* and had a Meeting, which was a good edifying Seaſon, in the free and gracious Extending of the Good-Will of God, much to our Eaſe and Satisfaction, many of the People in thoſe Parts having long been in a poor lukewarm and indifferent State.

From hence he wrote the following Letter (which is worthy the Peruſal and Conſideration of thoſe who would indeed be religious) to a Friend lately convinced in New-England, *and his Wife, who was at times under ſome Concern of Mind on Account of Religion, tho' then profeſſing among the* Presbyterians, *viz.*

"Near and Loving Friend,

"AS true Brotherly-love and tender Well-wiſhing, has been often renewed in my Heart towards thee, thy Wife and Chidren, ſince I left you; ſo of late I have been mindful of you ſo often, that I wanted much to write a few Lines to you, and am glad of the preſent Opportunity of ſending to let thee and thy Wife know that I retain an affectionate Remembrance of you, in a Meaſure of divine Love, wherein I ſalute you. And the tender Deſire of my Heart and brotherly Advice to you according to the Apoſtle's Exhortation, is, that it may be your Care and hearty Labour to draw near, and feel after, ſenſible Acceſs to the living God, the Fountain of living Water, and I may be poſitive he will draw nigh to you, to your inward Comfort and relieving Satisfaction; to the Enlargement of your Underſtandings in Things appertaining to Life and Peace, and to build you up, by Degrees, in the Experience of his Salvation,

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and of that Redemption which the Father, in and thro' the Power and Spirit of his dear Son Chriſt Jeſus, hath offered to the Children of Men.

" For as the great Miſchief brought upon Mankind, and upon *Chriſtians*, ſo called in Particular, by the Adverſary, has been by drawing into a Diſregard to the pure God, who is a Spirit, and from the feeling Senſe of divine Favour, and into a Separation from his living Preſence and inward Conſolation to the Soul; ſo the great and bleſſed Advantage which is offered to Mankind, and of which the Lord Almighty would make them Partakers, thro' his Son, is to draw them nigh to God again; that thro' Faith in his inviſible Power, they may become Witneſſes of Help in themſelves to war againſt and gain Victory over the Luſts of the Fleſh, and the World, and by Degrees over all that unfits for inward Acceſs and Senſe of Acceptance, in Meaſure, in his Sight, for which many Souls are in Travel; and that the Way may be opened which leads to the holy Mountain and Table of the Lord indeed; which tho' it is thro' a Baptiſm into Death to Corruption, and an Exerciſing and Refining which is unpleaſant to the Creature; yet the End is to prepare the Hearts of People to draw near feelingly, and to have to approach to him that is inviſible with Acceptance: And while this Acceſs and Acceptance in the Father's Sight is not a certain Meaſure attained to, the very Life and Marrow of Religion and Worſhip is wanting, both in Regard to pleaſing God, and to our own true Solace and Edification.

" Wherefore, *my Friends*, my Heart cries for you, and begs of you, that your chief Concern from Time to Time, may be to ſeek the Lord God, and draw nigh to him thro' the Spirit of his Son, given in Meaſure to all to profit with; and he will certainly be mindful of you, and draw near to you

to your ſure Help and Comfort, and will by Degrees rend the Vail, and take away the Covering which hath been over every Heart. The Departing from the divine Appearance or Manifeſtation of God in the Heart, thro' his Spirit, whereunto the Lord Jeſus and his Apoſtles directed and gathered the true Believers, in order that they might be born again, and preſerved to his Praiſe, who called them; I ſay, the Going from this has been the Cauſe of loſing the Senſe of his pure Love, and Life, and Comfort there-through to the Soul, and of departing into Forms and Modes, of ſplitting into various Sects, contending and ſtriving one with another about Names and Shadows of Things; Mens human Apprehenſions and Intereſts having become too much the Rule and Bottom of many People, and a Feeding upon Words and Performances without Life, which both occaſions great Barrenneſs of Heart, and Want of godly Converſation.

" And it is a certain Truth, that if ever Men return aright to God, they muſt return thro' the Spirit, and to feel his quickening Power, to give the Soul Light, and Life, and Ability to fight the good Fight of Faith, and to war againſt the Enemies of their own Hearts, as well as to perform the Duty of Worſhip and obedient Service, which we owe to the great and living God, acceptably.

" And bleſſed be his Name for ever, he is nearer to hear the Bemoanings of our needy Souls, and to afford them Relief and Acceſs to his holy Life-giving Preſence, than many are aware of; who yet are ſeeking abroad, and would gladly have the Priviledge of Diſciples of Chriſt without Self-denial, or coming under the Reſtrictions or Diſcipline of that crucifying Power, and Croſs of Chriſt the Lord: This has been the Caſe of many of us, who having taſted of the Terrors, and in Part of the Mercy

Mercy of the merciful Father, we cannot but wiſh well for others.

"*My Friends*, I am unexpectedly opened to ſpread theſe Things before you, for your ſerious Conſideration, in a Meaſure of the Love of Chriſt, deſiring your preſent and eternal Welfare; and I pray call to Mind that encouraging Expreſſion of our Lord, that *thoſe who deny'd themſelves of any Thing for his Name and the Goſpel ſake*, ſhould have in this Life, *many Fold*, and hereafter, *Life everlaſting*: And of the Fulfilling thereof, he has in Meaſure made many Witneſſes, bleſſed be his Name for evermore. And I hope and believe, that he hath alſo given you ſome Earneſt hereof already, and will yet make you experimental Witneſſes more largely, as you give up to follow him faithfully, to your inward Joy and Comfort; tho', as the Followers of the Lamb in the Regeneration, you may alſo have to wade thro' near and pinching Strippings and Tribulations of various Kinds: Yet again I cannot but invite and encourage you to draw near to the Lord, and he will aſſuredly draw nigh to you, and become your Shepherd, and you ſhall not lack. The Arm of the Lord of Hoſts be your Leader and Feeder, your Shield, your Buckler, and may he cover your Head in the Day of Battle: For great is the Wrath of the Dragon againſt the Return of the Church, and her coming up out of the Wilderneſs, or bewildered State, that ſhe may again enjoy her antient Beloved, her Redeemer, her Head and Husband: Thus under a ſolid Degree of divine Love, which ſurely extends freely towards you, I tenderly take my Leave of you, and remain, if I never ſee you more, your truly loving Friend,

JOHN FOTHERGILL."

Maryland, *the 20th of the 8th Mo.* 1723.

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From *Cæcil* (*continues the Journal*) we went the 21ſt to *Duck-Creek*, to a Half-years Meeting, to which many Friends accompanied us from *Maryland*, and divers came from other Places, with ſome other People; ſo that it was a large Meeting, and continued two Days.-----The Lord was pleaſed to own us with his living Preſence, and the Opening of the Treaſury of his Wiſdom and Counſel, both to other People and to Friends; tending to rouze up the Negligent, and to encourage the Honeſt-minded. This Meeting helped much towards our Diſcharge there-away, and the great Name of the Lord was glorified, who is worthy for ever. That Day I was ſeized with an Ague-fit, which continued upon me violently till Night, nevertheleſs I was enabled to go through my Service and Travel.

The 23d we came down toward *Lewiſtown*, to viſit ſome poor Friends there-away, and the next Day had a Meeting at *Coldſpring*, ſeven Miles from the Town aforeſaid, and a ſatisfactory Time with the few Friends in that Part; tho' the Return of my Ague render'd travelling unpleaſant and difficult, being very weak and ill. The 26th we had a Meeting at *Motherkill*, which we had given Notice of as we went down; wherein the Lord of Mercies mightily favoured us with Help to declare the Way of Life, to warn the Indifferent, and to encourage the Honeſt-minded: And it was a particular Time of Mercy to that People, whereof we were humbly glad, and the Lord, who favoured us with his Help thro' all our Exerciſes, and enabled to go on faithfully in his Service, was praiſed. We came to *Timothy Hanſon's* at *Little-Creek* after the Meeting that Night, and the 27th being Firſt Day, were at Friends Meeting there, and tho' I was much indiſpoſed, yet divine Goodneſs owned us, and we were helped to bear Teſtimony to the

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bleſſed Truth, which prevailed amongſt us to our Comfort, and the Glory of God.

The 30th we had a Meeting near *George's Creek* at Friends Meeting-houſe, where many Friends met us from ſeveral Places, and divine Goodneſs was pleaſed to favour us with a profitable Time, to the Stirring-up of the Loiterers, and giving Relief to the honeſt hearted Travellers. The 31ſt we viſited a ſick Friend to mutual Comfort, and went back to *John M'Cool's*, at *George's-Creek*, at Night.

The 1ſt of the Ninth Month we rode to *Newcaſtle* and had a Meeting with Friends there, wherein the Lord was pleaſed to manifeſt his Power and Wiſdom, much to our Eaſe, and the Help and Comfort of many. The 3d we were at the Monthly-meeting at *Center*, wherein Truth opened a Door for ſome Service in ſeveral Reſpects; and the 4th, being Firſt Day, we were at *Chicheſter* Meeting, which was large, and a good awakening Time, to the Honour of the holy Name. The 5th we got to *Philadelphia*, the Quarterly-meeting for the County being then to be held there; wherein we had ſome good Service among Friends, to mutual Satisfaction and Help in the Cauſe of the Lord Almighty.

Being now pretty clear in our Spirits of that Part of the Country, ſave ſome Weight which remained upon me relating to this Place, we ſtaid about Two Weeks here; and thro' hard travelling before, and a deep Exerciſe of Spirit attending me in this Place, I was much weakened, yet the Lord was pleaſed to open in his holy Power and Wiſdom, and to ſupport with Ability of Body; ſo that we had many open and relieving Meetings with Friends in the City (and others who came from divers Places to take Leave of us) whom I was moved both to warn in the Word of Life againſt many hindring Things growing among them; and to exhort

hort the Elders to be diligent in Example and true Zeal for the Lord; whoſe merciful Hand likewiſe extended freely towards, and prevailed among the Youth; and the honeſt Travellers for the Proſperity of Truth and Righteouſneſs, were much encouraged and ſtrengthened.

The 29th having a good ſeaſoning Opportunity in the Evening before with many Friends at our Lodging, and a bleſſed open Time in Supplication with the Family and ſome others, we took our Leave in the Love of God, and went down by Land to *Cheſter*, accompanied by many Friends; the next Morning we took Leave of them and Friends there, and went on board the Ship called the *Globe*, bound for *South Carolina*, which had been before me moſt of the Journey; we ſail'd down the River, and next Morning went aſhore at *Newcaſtle*, and had a precious open Meeting with Friends there in the Love of Truth. The 22d we went on board again, and ſet ſail for *Charles-Town*, to which Place we had a ſafe, tho' ſomewhat ſlow Paſſage, and got well thither the 16th of the Tenth Month, being the Seventh of the Week, and were at Meeting on Firſt Day, with the few Friends in the Place, ſome moderate People coming in, and the Lord mercifully owned us, and gave us a good Time among them; tho' the main Part of the People in that Country ſeemed a careleſs, dark People, in Matters of Religion. We likewiſe had ſeveral Meetings in other Parts of the Country, wherein the Lord opened freely in his Power and Wiſdom to declare the Way of Life and Salvation to the People. We had alſo divers Meetings in *Charles-Town*; and tho' there are but a few Friends there-away, yet there were ſome with whom we were comforted, and to whom our Viſit was of Service. Divers of the People, and ſome of theſe the Chief of the Place, were alſo ſomewhat reached by the Truth, and were

were very loving; but many ſeemed much above the true *Chriſtian* Simplicity. When we had laboured there about Two Weeks, and had many Meetings during that Time, and finding our Spirits clear to leave the Place, we took our Paſſage for *Barbados*, and taking our Leave of Friends in much Nearneſs and Tenderneſs of Spirit, went on board the 28th, and ſet ſail for *Barbados*, and were favoured greatly with the Lord's Preſence and Peace. We had a good Paſſage, and landed well at *Bridge-Town* in four Weeks, and were gladly received by Friends there, and lodged at *John Oxley*'s. We had many Meetings at *Bridge-Town*, and in ſeveral Parts of the Iſland, both among Friends, and others not of our Profeſſion, who ſeemed glad of our Viſits: But the Decay among Friends in this Place, thro' giving way to the Spirit and Friendſhip of the World, and going from the Croſs of Chriſt, ſeemed to make the Way more narrow for the Theſtimony of the Goſpel of Salvation to go forth with the deſired Succeſs among other People; yet the Lord God of Mercies was near to us in his Love and Power for our Comfort and Help; and extended very largely and mercifully towards all People, the Profeſſors of Truth particularly, in order to awaken and repair their Decaying, as alſo to feed and ſtrengthen the Few honeſtly religious-minded: So that we often admired the Lord's Goodneſs, and magnified his holy Name.

When we had laboured upon the Iſland in the Love of God about two Months, both in Meetings for Worſhip, and in divers Meetings for the Care and Diſcipline of the Church, in that Counſel and Ability of Truth where-with the Lord favoured us, and bore up our Spirits under and thro' much Affliction of Soul, for the Sake of the Cauſe of Chriſt, about which many were grown careleſs; I ſay, having thus laboured, and now finding our Spirits

eaſy and clear of that Service, and ſeeing the Way opened for our Return to *England*, by that holy Hand which drew us from our Habitations, we took Leave of Friends in much Love and holy Comfort, recommending them to the Name of the Lord: And on the 29th of the firſt Month 1724, we ſet ſail for *England*, and the 31ſt of the Third Month we came a-breaſt of *Portland*, the firſt Land we made, and on the 1ſt of the Fourth Month meeting with a Boat at Sea, we hired her to carry us to the *Iſle of Wight*; the next Day we got to *Portſmouth*, and took Poſt-horſes for *London*, where we came the 3d in the Morning, being Second-Day, and got to the Meeting of Miniſter, the Beginning of the Yearly-meeting 1724.

Of this Viſit to America, *he gave the ſaid* Yearly-meeting *the following Relation*, viz.

"WE * firſt acknowledge in humble Reverence to the Lord Almighty, that he mercifully favoured us, with his Love and Countenance, very often upon the Sea, and guarded us thereon from unreaſonable and wicked Men, into whoſe Hands ſome fell very near us, and brought us ſafe to *Virginia* after a moderate Paſſage: We then entered upon our Service in viſiting Friends, and went towards *North-Carolina*, having many large and open Meetings, among Friends and others alſo.

"We came back again from hence into *Virginia*, and had Meetings in many Parts of it; and in ſeveral where there are few or no Friends: In both theſe Provinces we found great Willingneſs in many People to hear the Truth declared, divers of whom appeared very loving and tenderly affected. There ſeemed likewiſe to be a comfortable Openneſs amoung the Youth, the Offſpring of Friends, in ſeveral Places, and rather a Growth among ſome of

* *Himſelf and* Laurence King *his Companion.*

of the Elder, in a religious Care: Yet not ſo much among either as might have been hoped for and expected from the Labour, which in the Love of God hath been many Ways extended towards them; yet divine Mercy ſtill reaches freely to them, and in ſome Places there is an Increaſe in Righteouſneſs, and Truth is in good eſteem: But in others, the Love and Friendſhip of the World occaſions a Decay.

"In *Maryland* we found there had been great Loſs, by the Decreaſe of many of the Elders, and of the more zealous and concerned Friends; yet there are in ſeveral Parts, ſome who are hopeful and religiouſly diſpoſed among the Younger, and others who are left, tho' too few there are of theſe: A Love of hurtful Eaſe and vain Liberties having prevailed to the Prejudice of ſome, and hindering the Work and Honour of Truth. There appears nevertheleſs, ſome Openneſs among ſeveral of the neighbouring People, and a gracious Extending of Divine Love to them, as well as the helpful Hand in heavenly Wiſdom towards Friends in ſeveral Reſpects, greatly to our mutual Comfort and Satisfaction.

"In *Pennſylvania* we found an enquiring Openneſs in divers Parts among People of ſeveral Profeſſions; ſome were convinced of, and we hope received the Truth in the Love of it: There is a large Body of religiouſly-minded People among Friends, who are growing up in a true Care for the Honour of Truth; tho' theſe are mixed with many earthly-minded, and ſome looſe libertine People, who occaſion much Exerciſe to the Right-minded: Yet the Lord's Goodneſs and Care is near and over that Country, and his Truth proſpers in it.

"In the *Jerſeys*, *Long-Iſland* and *New-York* Governments, there are are a conſiderable Number of

Friends, and in ſome Places an hopeful Openneſs among other People. We travelled diligently thro' theſe Parts, and tho' vain Liberties in ſome, and too great Careleſneſs and Indulgence in others, have ſtained or obſtructed the Progreſs and Dominion of the Work and Beauty of Truth; yet the Viſitations of heavenly Good-will and tender Love, with Deſires to help, is very evidently and freely extended, in order to repair and build up in Righteouſneſs: There are, however, ſome honeſtly concerned Friends there-away, among whom we had a ſatisfactory Labour, in the freſh Viſitation of divine Power and Love.

" In *Rhode-Iſland* and the Government belonging to it, and *New-England*, we had many Meetings, and cloſe Labour, but in the whole, much to our Satisfaction: There is a conſiderable Body of Friends in ſeveral Parts of that Country, and we believe in many Places, they are rather increaſing in the Knowledge of the Power of Truth, and in Stability and Righteouſneſs and Faithfulneſs to it; and altho' ſome hindering and wounding Circumſtances have attended in divers Places, yet there is a tenderly-concerned, valuable People there-away, both Elder and Younger. We had many Meetings among the neighbouring profeſſing People; in ſome Places but few were willing, or dared to come in, but in others we had very large ones amongſt them, eſpecially towards the Eaſt of *New-England*, and ſeveral, we hope, were effectually reached by the Power of Truth, and received and joined with it in Humility and Gladneſs: And in ſome Parts a very comfortable, tendering Viſitation prevailed upon many of the Youth among Friends. We laboured very diligently, through the Ability received, in moſt Parts of this Country, and took Leave of Friends in ſolid Hope, on Account of the Lord's Work, and much Love and heavenly

heavenly Peace in ourſelves, with holy Thankfulneſs to the Lord Almighty, the great Helper of his devoted Servants.

" Then returning back towards *Pennſylvania*, viz. we had ſome comfortable Service there-away, and Friends were encouraged and ſtrengthned in the Lord: We ſailed from hence to *South-Carolina*, and laboured there ſome Time in the Service of the Goſpel, having Meetings with the few Friends there, and among other People: The Lord our God was with us to our Comfort and Help, tho' the Generality of the People ſeemed but cold and very indifferent about true Religion. There are but few Friends in theſe Parts, and but very few who ſeem to love Truth in Uprightneſs; yet ſome there are who thus love it, and retain the Simplicity thereof in a good Degree: Theſe were very glad of our Viſit, and we were much comforted together in the Lord: The People were alſo generally, very loving and chearful towards us.

" Finding our Spirits eaſy and clear of theſe Parts, we ſailed to *Barbados*, having the Favour of a ſafe and ready Paſſage, and thro' the Nearneſs of merciful Regard and divine Life and Goodneſs to our Spirits, a Seaſon never to be forgot, bleſſed be the Lord for ever. Friends received us with Gladneſs, it having been long ſince any Friends from *England* had viſited them: We had many Meetings, both among the Profeſſors of Truth and others in this Iſland, which were to the Comfort of the Living amongſt them; many other People ſeemed glad of the Viſit, and behaved ſoberly and reſpectfully: But a looſe, lofty, and irreligious Spirit or Diſpoſition, hath too generally prevailed upon the Inhabitants of that Place, and to a ſorrowful Degree hath obſtructed the Spreading of Truth, and has even brought on a Decay or Diminution of the Number of Friends: Yet there are

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a Few in ſeveral Parts of the Iſland, who retain their Integrity to God, and Love, and are concerned for his Honour. The Lord was pleaſed to own us with his Help and Wiſdom, to divide the Word aright, in Warning and Stirring up the Unfaithful, and with Encouragement and Comfort of the Lovers of Truth; and indeed alſo to publiſh the Goſpel-doctrine by Way of Information to all: So that we were ſenſible the Day of Love and Mercy from God, was yet freely extended to many in that unworthy Place. And now growing eaſy and clear in our Spirits, of our Service in thoſe Parts, and our Way being open for *England*, we took our Leave of Friends in the Love and Peace of our heavenly Father, and had the renewed Favour of a ſafe and good Paſſage to *England*.

" And one Thing I think good to add, having often remarked it; That tho' it fell in our Way, rather in an uncommon Degree, to lay open and teſtify againſt the corrupt Grounds, Ways and Practices of the Hireling and Men-made, pretended Miniſters of Chriſt of our Time, in ſeveral Countries, and Societies; yet the People heard with unuſual Patience and Thoughtfulneſs, in general, and we alſo paſſed quietly thro' all our Journey without any of them appearing or offering any Diſturbance or Diſputation: Which we were thankful for, believing it to be of the Lord's Goodneſs and Wiſdom, and his inviſible Dread which prevailed, and will prevail in the Earth: To him, the Support, Defence and rich Rewarder of his People and Servants, in Awfulneſs of Soul be aſcribed all Glory and Pre-eminence, with Fear and Praiſe, for ever."

From Barbados *he wrote the following Epiſtle to Friends of* Dover *Meeting in* New-England, *viz.*

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Dear Friends,

"SINCE I was with you, my Spirit has often turned towards you, in the Movings of true and near Love, and in tender, fervent Breathing, for your being inwardly ſuſtained, ſtrengthened and encouraged in an humble Dependance upon the pure and inviſible Arm of the Lord Almighty, and in a due Devotedneſs of Soul to follow him with full Purpoſe of Heart: I have wanted an Opportunity to manifeſt my Remembrance of you in a few Lines, which I hope I may have from hence, and herewith extended my dear Salutation, in that pure engaging Love of our gracious God, whereby he hath been pleaſed to viſit and overcome many of our Souls, and thro' the Operation of the Spirit of Judgment, which he hath graciouſly mixed with unſpeakable Mercy, he hath prepared many Hearts, in Meaſure, to draw nigh to him, and to be made Partakers of his living ſoul-engaging Goodneſs, and pure Life, giving us as an Earneſt of eternal Comfort.

" And oh! my *near Friends*, elder and younger, who have been thus mercifully followed, and waited over in Long-ſuffering, and humbled in Degree by the inward Touches of the Love and Favour of the Lord God of Bleſſings, my Heart groans within me, that it may continually be your, and all our Care, to labour with due Watchfulneſs, to walk humbly before him, to feel after his living Power, and to bear his Yoke reſignedly and chearfully; that thereby we may be crucified to the World, the Evils and hurtful Friendſhips of it; and with due Patience, caſt our Care upon him, with Reſolution to follow him wherever, or thro' whatſoever he may be pleaſed to lead us; for he is God, and beſides him there is no Saviour, nor Healer of the ſick or wounded Soul, nor any that can lead to durable and certain Bleſſing, either

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here or hereafter: And ſure I am, his Eye of Mercy in tender Love is over his Children in all States and in all Places; and is, and ever will be a rich Rewarder, and ſure Friend in Times of Need, to thoſe who give up all to follow his Reproofs and Requirings, not having, or thinking any Thing too near to part with for the Sake of his Favour: Such will often have Cauſe to ſay, *Their Lot is fallen in a good Land.*

" And oh that none who have taſted of pure Love and divine Sweetneſs in their own Souls, as a Spring in a dry Place, may ever give Way to the diſcouraging Enemy again, who is buſily waiting to hinder, and turn whom he can aſide from the narrow Way, which alone leads to Life and Salvation: And as this is Satan's Aim, ſo he hath many Methods of Working, either by inſinuating, that an eaſier Way may do, or begetting Diſcontent, and ſetting the Creature into Uneaſineſs, in the Time of its inward Travel and Pain, or to look abroad, and to watch for Occaſion; and then he darkens the Mind, the Heart hardens, and the Beauty and Excellency of the Law of God is loſt, and ſo for Eaſe to the Fleſh, and preſent Pleaſure, there is a drawing back and back; and in this ſtaggering Condition Satan has prevailed to perſuade, that all which the Soul hath ſeen and felt, was but a Miſtake, and proceeded from ſome other Cauſe: And thus have ſome heavenly Viſitations been ſlighted, to the great and miſerable Loſs of many; which I ſincerely pray may never happen to any more in any Part of the World.

" And my Soul humbly begs of the moſt gracious God, that if any have been hurt in their Minds thro' Unwatchfulneſs, after the pure Way of Life hath been caſt up plain in their View, by giving Room to any weakening Conſultations, that he may be pleaſed mercifully to renew a Day of winning Love and

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cauſe it to ariſe upon ſuch in the Purity of its Brightneſs, in their very Souls; ſo that they may clearly diſcern the Wiles of the Enemy; and ſee a Way open to turn to the Lord effectually, and become ſenſible Witneſſes of his Mercy and Salvation; *ſo be it*; *ſo be it*; *Amen.*

" And, *dear Friends*, you of the elder Rank, I tenderly intreat you to be diligent, and careful in walking and in watching for the Renewal of your Strength and Capacity, to approve yourſelves in all Things, the Lord's faithful Followers and Servants, ordered in divine Wiſdom: And as you are bent in Care to be prepared to give up your Accounts with Joy, the Spring of Life and Wiſdom will be opened to you from Time to Time, to help you to watch over all the Family under your Eye, and to walk before them ſteadily, and to their Help and Encouragement.

And that the young People may all watch againſt the many Enticements to Corruption, and to Liberties, which unfit for divine Favour and Love coming in upon the Soul: A Stain or an Hurt is ſoon received, but a Recovery or Reſtoration is not to be obtained, but thro' Sorrow and Difficulty in divers Reſpects, as, I am perſuaded, there are among you young People, who have from certain Experience with Sorrow to teſtify, upon whom a gracious Hand from on high hath taken hold, in Mercy and Loving-kindneſs; which I hope will never be forgotten by you: And thro' ſome of thoſe who have been thus viſited, and touched in Heart by the Finger of God's Love, if they keep near to the Lord in true reverent Submiſſion, I believe he will appear and work, and make them Inſtruments to ſhew forth his Salvation, to the Praiſe of his glorious and powerful Name: and to call to others, in the Name of the Lord, to come and taſte how good he is.

" *Dear Friends*, my Heart is often, as it were among you, in the one Spirit of Life and Righteouſneſs, and is ſtrongly engaged in Sympathy, and travels for your Growth in Faithfulneſs to the Lord of Mercies and Salvation; whom as you duly regard, he will ſurely be a Spring of Bleſſing to you, and a ſure hiding Place, whatever comes upon the Ungodly and Forgetful, whom he will certainly viſit in Diſpleaſure.

" I am ſweetly opened in Spirit towards you at this Time, in the Extendings of immortal Love from the great Fountain, the Relief of the truly Needy in all Ages, the Staff and Strength of true depending Souls ſtill, where ever they are, and however exerciſed, bleſſed be his holy Arm for ever. And tho' I ſeem eaſy, without expecting ever to ſee you again, yet you are near me, and I think I cannot be unmindful of you, and ſhall long and hope to hear well of you: thus with tender Entreaty that you may all make a right Uſe of, and put a true Value upon the Day and Time of the Father's Love, I commit you to the all-ſufficient Word of Life and Truth, and remain your near Friend and Brother in the Truth,

Barbados, *the 18th of the Twelfth Month*, 1723. JOHN FOTHERGILL.

And before he ſet ſail for England, *he found himſelf engaged to viſit thoſe who profeſſed with us in the other* Iſlands, *with the following Epiſtle, which he intitled,*

A BROTHERLY SALUTATION, *with ſome Chriſtian Exhortations, to the Profeſſors of* TRUTH *in* Antigua, Anguilla, Jamaica, *or there away.*

" MY FRIENDS,

" IT having fallen to my Lot, through the moving of the Word of Life, to viſit many Parts of the *American* Countries again, in the Service of

of the Goſpel of Chriſt; and being here on this Account, tender and brotherly Care hath ſprung in my Heart towards you alſo, tho' I do not ſee a way open in the Truth to viſit you in Perſon, being drawn in Spirit towards *Europe* again: But ſtill a living Openneſs is in my Heart to viſit you with an *Epiſtle*, where-with alſo reacheth my hearty, and true brotherly Salutation, unto all who know and love the Truth as it is in Jeſus, and manifeſted thro' the Spirit inwardly; and with tender Entreaty and Advice, that you all careſully feel after, and wait upon the Lord, for the Renewing of inward Strength, and the Experience of his living Power ariſing and working in you, even the redeeming, ſanctifying Power of the Father and the Son, to quicken your Souls, and enable you to ſerve and worſhip the living God acceptably; who is the alone ſure Fountain of true Comfort, the all-ſufficient Helper of his People, and the compaſſionate Reliever of the poor and needy Souls, in all Countries and Conditions, and is worthy to be truſted in, obeyed and magnified for ever.

"And I pray you conſider, that as it is certain, the End and Tendency of the Viſitation of the Lord, thro' his bleſſed Light and Truth, by Jeſus Chriſt appearing inwardly to the Children of Men, is to bring *from Man*, and to turn People *to himſelf*, to be taught of him, and ſo to be eſtabliſhed in Righteouſneſs: So, whoſoever thus in Heart truly turns, and takes Counſel of him, waiting diligently from time to time to hear his Inſtructions, and to feel his Power to help to ceaſe from Evil, and whatever he manifeſts to be diſagreeable to his holy Will; to learn to come up in doing well: All ſuch are and will be regarded in merciful Compaſſion from on high, and the mighty Arm will be ſtretched forth both to feed and help on, thro' all the Diſadvantages that may attend them.

" And it is alſo certain, that whatever Privileges any may outwardly enjoy, none can grow rightly, or be preſerved in the Way of Life and Peace, but as Faith is kept in the inviſible Power of God, and Diligence in waiting for a renewed Senſe of Life and Light in the eternal Word of Power, to open Counſel, and give Ability to do his Will, and to confeſs the Son truly, as our Redeemer, before Men: Wherefore I again earneſtly intreat and exhort, in the Bowels of the Father's Love, you whoſe Underſtandings are thus in a good Meaſure opened, to labour carefully to draw near the Lord in Spirit often, in Humility and patient Fervency, with Hearts reſigned to follow him fully; and aſſuredly he will draw nigh to you, and feed your Souls with Food from his own neverfailing Treaſury.

" But oh! my Heart is loaded with a ſorrowful Concern and Travel on the Account of ſome, who have been long fully perſuaded concerning the Way of Truth and Righteouſneſs; and have been often very ſenſible of its holy Reproofs, in order to reclaim them from the Evil of their Ways, and from the corrupt and vain Practices and Friendſhips of the World; and yet continue to live in, and comply therewith; ſlighting the Reproofs, of Truth, rejecting the Inſtructions and Offers of divine Help thro' the Grace of God; becauſe of the Narrowneſs of the Way of Life.

" And others there are, who have at Times been inwardly affected, by the Life of Truth appearing to their illuminated Underſtandings, and to have joined with the Lovers of it for a Time; yet have grown weary, and aſhamed of the Croſs of Chriſt, and the Simplicity of Truth; and ſo have hearkened to the Whiſpering of the old Enemy, and his Enticements into vain Liberty, and carnal

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Eaſe, wherein ſome have ſettled again, building up what they had, in Part deſtroyed.

"Some alſo may ſeek to excuſe or juſtify their Doings, by obſerving ſome, either real or ſuppoſed Miſtakes, or evil Actions in others, and ſo have grown hard if not envious: I ſay in reſpecting ſome ſuch People, my Heart travels in Pain, that they may ſeriouſly conſider, and come to ſee their Condition in the Day of Mercy; and to ſuch of them as may ſee theſe Lines, oh take Warning, take Warning, while Light and Reproof from the God of Mercy is yet at Times viſiting your Souls, in long-ſuffering and merciful Regard, waiting to quicken you into more Faithfulneſs, and Devotedneſs of Heart to follow him; and to confeſs the Truth before Men, to bear the Yoke of Chriſt, and to learn of him, that you may find Reſt and Peace to your Souls for ever.

"And know ye, you who ſlight and turn away from the pure Truth, and deny or reject the Croſs of Chriſt, for the Sake of preſent Eaſe or Pleaſure, and who chooſe the Broad-way, that your very Inſides in every Part are ſeen, and noted of the Lord; your Ways are marked by the righteous Judge, and a time of terrible Awakening is before you: The Almighty will aſſuredly turn your carnal Eaſe, vain Rejoicing, and fooliſh Grandeur, into bitter Mourning and Lamentation, if you do not turn at the Reproof of Truth, and with its Inſtruction, in a Day of the merciful Striving of the Lord's Witneſs with you in your own Hearts; which, as a Servant of Chriſt, and your Souls true Friend, I tenderly intreat, and faithfully warn you to conſider, and lay duly to Heart.

"And you, *my Friends*, who have eſcaped, or have been preſerved in a good Meaſure from the Evils and Corruptions of the World, thro' Obedience

ence to the Truth, be diligent in labouring to improve the divine Gift committed to you for that End; ſo that none of you through Neglect thereof, tho' you may have the Denomination of *Servants*, be at the Concluſion caſt into everlaſting Weeping and Sorrow, with the ſlothful Servant. And alſo remember the *Pleaders of Excuſes*, mentioned in the Parable of Chriſt, who having been invited to the Marriage, and called to the Supper, made their ſeveral Allegations for not coming; which tho' they related to Things lawful, yet drew upon them the woful Determination, that not one of them ſhould *taſte of the Supper*. For although the great Lord be long-ſuffering, and bears long with the carnal Reaſoning of the Children of Men in ſeveral Reſpects; yet he will be found to be a God of Juſtice and Judgment, as well as Mercy, and will recompence thoſe who will not be prevailed upon to obey the Truth, but continue in Unrighteouſneſs, and the vain ſenſual Luſts of the Fleſh, with Tribulation, Anxiety and Wrath; while Glory, Honour and Peace will be the Portion and Enjoyment in eternal Life, of all the ſincere Followers of the Lamb of God, tho' through many Sorrows and humbling Fears.

" Wherefore lift up your Hearts, you *Honeſt-minded*, in reverent Hope for the renewed Appearance of divine Life to your travelling Souls, for it is truly reviving, and is the one Fountain of true Joy, Encouragement and Strength to all the Children of God, in every Part of the Earth. And walk circumſpectly; be diligent and careful in meeting together, ſuch as conveniently may, or ſit down together in the Name of the Lord, to wait upon him, if but Two or Three in a Place; it being the Promiſe of Chriſt himſelf, and will for ever be fulfilled, that *ſuch he will Favour with his Preſence*, in all Places, whether in greater or in leſs Con-

Congregations; and this is the Life and ſubſtantial Edification of living Souls, which truly qualifies to worſhip acceptably: And wherever Coolneſs or Neglect herein is given Way to, or continued in by any who are convinced of the Truth, and the Way of worſhipping the Father in Spirit, by inwardly waiting for divine and ſpiritual Food and Relief; where this Indifferency and Neglect prevails, there Weakneſs in religious Concerns, and Dulneſs reſpecting Duty towards God, always follow, and the Way and Precepts of Truth become weariſom, and the Enemy of Souls furniſhes with one Excuſe or another for ſuch Indifferency and Declention from neceſſary Care; and ſo Darkneſs gradually creeps into the Heart, and a Danger of ſtumbling, ſome on one Thing, ſome on another, increaſes from leſs to more, till great and lamentable Falls ſometimes happen, which may prove utterly deſtructive in their Conſequences: Yet the Deſtruction of ſuch, is altogether of themſelves, for the Lord Almighty hath offered ſufficent Help for all States and Circumſtances, however diſadvantageous, through his Grace and Truth; yet will he be enquired for, and waited upon by all, that they may be made Experiencers of his Salvation. Oh! good is the Lord, worthy to be feared, waited upon, and obeyed faithfully for ever, ſaith my Soul this, this Time, in the immediate Senſe and View of the free Reachings forth of his powerful Arm of Salvation, healing and nurſing Goodneſs; eſpecially towards humbly concerned Hearts, that are ſincerely deſirous to be helped to grow up obedient Children to the Everlaſting Father, which I humbly beg may become, and continue all your and the whole Family's Care, in true Sincerity to the End.

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" And here I would have concluded these Lines, having already exceeded my Expectation when I began them in the Love of Truth, and that Plainneſs and Sincerity wherein is the trueſt Friendſhip; but one Thing yet bears Weight with me to propoſe to your ſerious Conſideration, *viz. What is the chief Cauſe or End of your Settling, and Continuance where I am ſenſible many Diſadvantages attend you in Reſpect to Religion?* If it be under an Apprehenſion of ſome inward Reſtrictions to bear Teſtimony to, and for the Truth amongſt that People; then I pray conſider, and be careful to live ſo near the Truth, and a truly religious Zeal, in faithfully following the heavenly Light, and Inſtructions thereof, that you may be Lights indeed; and keep in due Moderation and Juſtice in managing your Affairs, and be careful to order yourſelves, and your Youth, who have any, ſo as to walk according to the Simplicity and Plainneſs of Truth; thus will you keep out of, and bear Teſtimony againſt the vain Ways, Words, Faſhions, and corrupting Friendſhips of this World: How elſe are you like to be really of Service, or Examples to others in the Way of Truth, or capable of ſhewing forth that Redemption, which there-thro' is offered from God to the degenerate World; or juſtly hope for his Countenance inwardly, or his Bleſſing to attend your Affairs. Yet if this be your Inducement, and is from Time to Time accompanied with this godly Care, whatever be the Effect or Event reſpecting others, the Lord's Care will be over you, his gracious Ear will be open to the Cry of your needy Souls, and he will ſhew himſelf to be your Shepherd, and you will not lack.

" But if the chief Motive be a Regard to preſent or temporal Intereſt, it is not reaſonable to hope for or expect the Priviledge of his holy Countenance upon your Souls, or Succeſs other Ways;

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and it happens too often, that thoſe who are chiefly under the Influence of preſent Views, become indifferent with Reſpect to a true Concern of Heart, and ſo give Way to a Halting and Mixing with worldly Liberties in Converſation, and become rather a Reproach and Cauſe of Stumbling to others, who may be awakened to ſome religious Thoughtfulneſs, and look towards thoſe for Encouragement; but I hope better concerning ſome of you in Particular, tho' I thus write. Nevertheleſs there is great Danger of coming to Loſs in the beſt Reſpect, and more eſpecially concerning your Offſpring, who have their Education and Converſe with and among thoſe who too generally are not only Strangers to the Truth and its Simplicity, but many of them wholly over-run with vain, wicked, and corrupting Converſation; ſo that what you gain for yourſelves, and for them, may be an Occaſion of ſtrong Temptations to thoſe who follow the Sight of their own Eyes, into wicked and ſinful Practices, which lead (no Condition of Mankind who give up to them excepted) to a woful and miſerable End at the laſt; and whether Parents be clear of their Blood, may be queſtioned.

" Theſe Things have ſtood much in my Way, in my deepeſt Thoughts reſpecting Friends particularly on theſe Iſlands; and I am inclined to recommend them thus to your Conſideration, though far from deſigning to put an unneceſſary Conſternation upon any honeſtly concerned traveling Soul, that is waiting in Fear and Care to know the Lord's Counſel and Ordering in ſuch weighty Things. But I would have all ſtirred up to ſuch a neceſſary Concern of Spirit, that you may be helped to live, and to do whatever you do, to the Glory of God; and ſo may have the Comfort and Bleſſing of his divine Favour, and that he may be your Ruler and King; and in becoming ſo, he will aſſuredly ſave,

preſerve, and gather his humble Subjects to his heavenly Kingdom in eternal Life, where all Sorrow is at an End, and the Wicked ceaſe from troubling any more; which my Spirit is renewedly engaged to travel for on your Behalf, and the whole Heritage of God, as for my own Soul; that his great and glorious Name may be renowned thro' the Earth, as he is worthy, worthy, for ever.

"Thus having diſcharged my Spirit of the Exerciſes which hath grown upon me towards you, and according to my Underſtanding, in the Way which Truth hath opened, in true Sincerity; I take my Leave in the Extendings of the Love of Chriſt, wherein I remain your true and real Friend,

Barbados, *the 23d of the* JOHN FOTHERGILL."
1ſt Mo. 1723-4.

Soon after his Return from *America*, in the ſame Year, he viſited Friends in *Ireland*; of which Journey he left the following Account.

HAVING been under a weighty Concern for ſome Time to viſit Friends in *Ireland*, and perceiving my Way to be opened for that Service, about the 27th of the Fifth Month, 1724, I ſet forward and went by *Sedbergh*, and was at Friends Monthly-meeting there, and the next Day at *Preſton* near *Kendal*, at the Burial of an ancient Friend; from thence pretty ſtreight to *Whitehaven*, ſtaying one Night with *James Dickenſon*: On the Firſt-day we had a Meeting within the Walls of the new Meeting-houſe which was building there; and the Lord's Power and Teſtimony prevailed among a very large Aſſembly, greatly to our Satisfaction and Encouragement.

I got well over to *Dublin* the Seventh day following, being the 8th of the Sixth Month, towards which

which Place I found my Mind rather preſſed with ſome Weight of Concern, ſo that I could not haſten from it: I ſtaid two Firſt-days, and had ſeveral other Meetings with Friends, wherein the hidden Virtue and Power of Truth enabled to bear a plain and faithful Teſtimony for God, to the Help of the Upright and my Eaſe; eſpecially the latter Firſt-day, in both Meetings, my Heart was opened in the Power and Doctrine of the Goſpel towards Friends and others, and the Name of the Lord God was glorified.

My Spirit was then eaſy, and I ſet out for the North Parts firſt, and went to *Drogheda*, ſeveral Friends accompanying me; we had a Meeting with a few Friends there in the Evening, and rode the next Day to *Rathfryland*, near which Place we had a Meeting the 19th, where ſeveral of the neighbouring People came in, and the Lord gave us a good Time, the Love and clear Teſtimony of the Goſpel reaching forth to our Confort.

The 20th I had a large Meeting at *Lurgan*, wherein a cloſe ſearching Labour became my Lot among Friends, which ended indifferently well to my Satisfaction.

The 22d I had a Meeting at *Monallen*, and went to *Lurgan* again that Night. The 23d at *Ballinderry* Meeting, which was very large both of Friends, and many others of different Profeſſions; and the Lord's Power and Goſpel-teſtimony livingly and freely reached forth among them, in much Plainneſs and Authority, much to my Satisfaction and Eaſe of Spirit; and the great Lord and Helper of his Servants, had the Glory and Praiſe of all. After this I viſited two antient Friends, *Thomas* and *Tobias Courtney*, with whom I was Comforted in the Love of Chriſt.

The 24th I had a Meeting at *Lisburn*; the Power of Truth owned us to Friends, and my Comfort and Help.

The 25th and 26th I had Meetings at *Antrim* and the *Grange*, and the 28th at *Colerain*, where, beſides Friends, pretty many People of other Profeſſions came into the Meeting; the Power of Truth opened my Heart and Mouth amongſt them in much Plain-dealing and Honeſty; both for the clear Information of the People, and warning to ſome looſe Ones, as well as Comfort of the Few Upright-hearted. After Meeting we walked about a Mile to viſit a poor antient Friend, to ſome Profit in the Love of God. The next Day I came back to *Ballynalee*, to a Mens Six-weeks Meeting, for the Care of the Affairs of the Church in that Part, and the 30th was at a public Meeting for the Worſhip of God, were ſeveral other ſober People came in: We had a good Time in the Love and powerful Extending of the Arm of Truth; the Upright in Heart were ſtrengthned and encouraged in the Lord.

The 31ſt I had a good, ſeaſonable and edifying Time with Friends at *Dunclaudy*, where alſo were ſeveral other ſober People, towards whom the Goſpel reached freely, and had ſome Impreſſion.

The 1ſt of the Seventh Month I had a Meeting at *Ballynaroan*, and a prevailing ſweet Seaſon among ſome tender People; and another the Day following at *Redford* near *Charlemount*, to a good Degree of Satisfaction.

The 3d I rode to *Ballyhagen*, and had a Meeting there, where the Lord's Power was plentifully with us, and the Goſpel-teſtimony ſpread in a prevailing Manner, Warning and Awakening the Indifferent; In Conſolation and holy Encouragement to the

the Well-minded, and the glorious Name was magnified.

On the 6th I was at two very large Meetings at *Lurgan*; and thro' the Goodneſs and Help of the Lord it was made a profitable Seaſon to many; My Spirit was truly eaſed thro' faithful Dealing with the Forgetful and Lukewarm; and in a free Extending of a planting and relieving Miniſtry, which the Lord gave me that Day: Thro' which Labour I was much eaſed, my Duty being diſcharged in that Part of the Nation.

The 8th I had a little Meeting with ſome few Friends, and ſeveral other People, at *Caſtlefin*, and went to *Coothill* that Evening, and lodged with *Terence Cayle*, who with his Wife are of the native *Iriſh*, yet had received the Knowledge of the Truth in the Love of it, and I hope will continue to grow therein. The next Day I had a preety good open Meeting with Friends and divers others; who were very ſober and attentive, and ſeemed very glad of the Opportunity.

The 11th I went to *Oldcaſtle*, to a Meeting there, where we had a good and profitable Seaſon, in the Prevailing of divine Love, to the Help of the People; an on the 13th I was at Friends Meeting at the *Moat*; a large and good Meeting it was, in the living Authority of Truth, to the Comfort and Help of many; and the Lord God of Goodneſs and Mercy was glorified.

The next Day I went with ſeveral Friends to *Bally-murry* in *Connaught*, where a Meeting had been ſettled ſome Time; and on the 15th had a pretty open helpful Meeting there, in the Reaching of the Love of Chriſt, yet in much plain Dealing and faithful Warning to keep to Truth, that ſo they might be bleſſed.

The 16th I had a Meeting with Friends and ſome other ſober People at *Walterſtown*, and the Lord's

Lord's Power and Teſtimony prevailed comfortably, and his Name was glorified.

The 17th I went to the *Hoat* again, where we had a large and bleſſed helpful Meeting, in the Extending of divine Love and Wiſdom; and another the Day following with Friends, and ſeveral civil People came in, at *Liſmoiney*.

The 19th I rode to *Birr*, and had a Meeting there, and went that Night to *John Aſton*'s, where we had a Meeting the next Day, and many of the neighbouring People came in; and the Lord was pleaſed to own us with his living and powerful Preſence, freely opening the Word of Life: and we had a precious pure, helping, ſeaſoning Time with ſeveral Friends, who came in again that Evening; ever bleſſed be the heavenly Arm, which is the alone true Helper. The 21ſt I rode to *Woodhouſe*, not far from *Caſhell*; we had a little, but bleſſed Meeting at *John Bowles*'s the 22d, and the Day following another at *Joſhua Fennel*'s, at *Kilcommin*. The 24th I had a pretty large and good Meeting at *Clonmell*, with Friends and ſome ſober People; and another the 25th at *Youghall*, where the Mayor of the Town, and many others beſides Friends came in; and the Power and Teſtimony of Truth, thro' the Lord's Goodneſs prevailed; and it was made a good Seaſon to many.

The 27th, being Firſt day, I was at two large and powerfully helpful Meetings at *Cork*, in the free Extendings of the Wiſdom and Life of Truth, very much to my Eaſe and Comfort, and of many others; and the 28th I was at their Mens Meeting, where I had ſome Service for Truth in ſeveral Reſpects, to the Help of Friends in the Affairs of the Church.

The 29th I went to *Shepperreen*, and had a powerful, precious Meeting, in the free Reachings of the Goſpel life and Doctrine towards the few Friends

Friends there, and many neighbouring People who came in. The 30th I came back to *Caſtle-Salem*, and had a merciful Seaſon in *William Morrice's* Houſe, in the free Goings-forth of a Viſitation of divine Love towards him and his Family, and came again to a Meeting appointed at *Bendon*.

The 1ſt of the Eighth Month I had a large Meeting at *Kinſale*, of many Sorts of People, wherein the living, humbling Power and Goſpel-doctrine mercifully prevailed over many Hearts, to mine and Friends true Gladneſs; and the glorious Name was magnified. The 2d I went to *Cork* again, where we had a precious, edifying and ſatisfactory Meeting, to our true Comfort; in the Senſe whereof we took Leave of one another, and with ſeveral Friends I came to *Mallo*, and the 3d to *Limerick*; where on the 4th, we had two large and precious Meetings, in the free Extendings of divine Love amongſt us, to the Help of many; and on the 5th we were favoured with a ſtrengthning, helping Opportunity before the Meeting for Buſineſs began, it being the Province Meeting, and was carried on peaceably, with proper Concern, and Friends parted comfortably. On the 6th I was at Friends Week-day Meeting for the Town, for which many Friends ſtaid; and divine Power, and heavenly Virtue and Counſel ſprang up and ſpread among us, to our Encouragement, reverently to truſt in, and follow the Lord God of Mercy and Salvation, whoſe glorious Name had the Honour, worthy, worthy, for ever.

The 7th I had a Meeting with a few Friends at *Tipperary*, and ſome other People who gathered with them; but it ſeemed a cold Place as to Religion. I went from thence to *Caſhell*, where on the 8th I was at a Marriage of a Couple of Friends, and the Lord was pleaſed to open his Goſpel-doc-

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trine, and lift up his own Power in an eminent Manner, to our great Gladneſs and Satisfaction.

The 10th I had a Meeting at *Knockballymagher*, pretty much to our Comfort; and the next Day was at two Meetings at *Mountrath*, wherein ſeveral weighty Things were opened and declared, in the Life and Power of Truth, to the Help and Eſtabliſhing of Friends in the Way and Practice of Righteouſneſs.

The 12th I went to *Ballynakill*, and had a ſerviceable Meeting there that Evening. The 13th returned to *Mountrath*, to the Burial of a Friend, where I had an open ſolid Time in declaring the Truth among a large Number of People, who were in general attentive and ſober. The 14th I had a large and good relieving Meeting, thro' the Lord's Goodneſs plentifully extending to the Comfort of the Honeſt, and cloſe Warning in divine Counſel to ſome earthly, wrong-ſpirited Perſons there; and that Evening had another Meeting with ſome Friends at *Barrycorrell*; the 15th another at *Athy*; another the 16th at *Ballytore*; and went the 17th to *Catherlough*, where the Province Meeting began that Day; and the Lord our God, the ſure Helper of his People, favoured us with his holy Preſence, in a weighty, ſtrengthning Manner, to our great Comfort: The Affairs of Truth were managed in Diligence, and the peaceable Spirit of the Goſpel. I lodged that Night at *Gregory Ruſſel's*, where we had a precious Time in the Evening. The 18th being Firſt-day, I had a large, weighty, and heavenly Meeting, and Friends parted in much Comfort and Warmneſs in the Truth thro' divine Favour. I went that Night to *Samuel Watſon's*, at *Kilconner*, where on the 20th I had a pretty open Meeting with Friends, in the Love of Chriſt.

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The 22d I had a large and edifying Meeting at *Waterford*; and the 23d I went to *Roſs*, where I had a Meeting with a few Friends, and ſome other People who came in, tho' but a poor hard Place. The 25th I was at a Monthly-meeting at *Lamb's-Town*, pretty large and ſolidly profitable, tho' with ſome heavy and cloſe Labour amongſt Friends, becauſe of divers Things being out of good Order; yet the Love and Power of God mercifully reached forth amongſt us, and his Name was glorified, to whom all is due.

The 26th I had a Meeting at *Wexford*: and the 27th another at *Ballyna-Carrick*, which was a very cloſe, ſearching, warning Time; yet healing to the Upright, and it was made a good Seaſon. The 28th I had a Meeting at *Cavaladine*, which was a pretty helpful Time to our Comfort, but with ſome cloſe Warning to ſome ſtiff-necked People; the 29th another at *Ballyna-clare*; and the 30th another at *Askinthynny*, where the Lord gave us a precious comfortable Seaſon, in the free Goings-forth of his awakening Power and Love, which much healed my deep travelling Soul, and his pure Name was glorified.

The 1ſt of the Ninth Month I had a large Meeting at *Ballycane*; the 2d another at *Wicklow*. The 4th I came to *Dublin*, and was at a bleſſed Meeting with Friends there the 6th. On the 7th the Half-years-meeting began, which continued four Days, and the Lord our God graciouſly favoured us therein, by owning and helping with his powerful Preſence and Wiſdom, greatly to our Comfort; and Friends parted in Peace and heavenly Nearneſs, with living Praiſes to the Almighty.

Whilſt he ſtaid at Dublin, *he wrote the following Lines to Friends of* Wenſleydale *Meeting*, viz.

"MY *near* and *dear Friends*, who love Truth itſelf, and want to be what Heaven would have you, I beg of you all remember, *It is*

I, ſaith the Lord of old, *that will build and plant*; it is he, it is he, and no Hand elſe, that can do for Souls, what right Minds want. And he ſees every where, both thoſe who live upon ſomething elſe, without the ſenſible Enjoyment of him (who dwell often, nay much in dry Lands) and the truly hungry, pained Souls, whom nothing elſe but the renewedly Working, and ſecretly Feeding, ſtrengthning Power, and Hand from Heaven, can ſatisfy. Oh! theſe Criers and Followers on in humble Steadineſs for heavenly Help, heavenly Bread and Water from the Hand of the Almighty, all-ſeeing, and graciouſly tender Father; theſe, theſe indeed, will be helped, and will grow in certain Feeling, and redeeming Knowledge: And thus muſt every Degree of the Lord's Family, Old and Young, Wiſe and Leſs-knowing, be led, and nurſed, and taught, and fed, and grow in the one Root, the one Life, and in the one Subjection, where Peace, Harmony, Oneneſs of Heart, and the helpful Running of the one healing Virtue is indeed witneſſed. Oh! Elder and Younger, feel after it, ſtoop till it runs thro' you, and then you will worſhip the Fountain, and grow in Care; Firſt, and above all, over your own Spirits, and then, in true Care in the Lamb's Spirit, over and towards the Houſhold: And yet the Sword and Hand of the Lamb of God, and Saviour of Souls, muſt be known, both inwardly, and lifted up by the Servants of Chriſt, in Wiſdom and Zeal againſt Unrighteouſneſs, and the many Products of *Eſau*'s Mountain; the unbridled, fleſhly Will and Affections of Man, which too many among the Lord's People would gladly have mixed among the Plants of Righteouſneſs, and would have vain Liberty, and darkening Carnality ſaved alive; which is the Cauſe of Death reigning over ſome, inſtead of Life: And the rebellious ſelf-ſaving, unfaithful, turbulent Houſe of

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old *Saul*, rather grows ſtronger in ſome than the Houſe of *David*; the confiding and humbly devoted Man. Well, *my near* and *truly beloved Friends*, a pure, bright Openneſs is over me, towards you at this Time, beyond my Expectation; and leads me thus, in the Love of him who appeared in the *Burning-Buſh* (yet even that was in order to open a Way for Deliverance and Help to *Iſrael*;) and whoſe loving, helping Hand hath been and is extended towards you, for the Building of you up in Righteouſneſs, and in the pure feeling Senſe of his ſaving Health. Oh! he is merciful and long-ſuffering, watchful over the Needs of all the Living, and in Particular is mindful of the poor and low, yet fervently concerned Hearts; even to the very leaſt and weakeſt, the moſt humbled in true Fear, amongſt the whole Houſhold. Oh! haſten, haſten to draw near him, and ſeek his Face, that you may be prepared for him to ſhine upon you; for in his Preſence there is Life and ſure Help, and true Welfare; and that you may thus fare well indeed, is the Deſire of your true Friend,

JOHN FOTHERGILL."

On the 12th of the Ninth Month (*continues the Journal*) I had a Meeting with Friends and ſeveral other People at *Ballyhays*, to pretty good Satisfaction. The 13th at *Timahoy*, and went the 14th to our dear Friend *Thomas Wilſon*'s at *Thornwell*. The 15th I was at a large and ſolidly edifying Meeting at *Edenderry*. The 17th at *Kill*, and the 18th again at *Edenderry*. The 20th at the *Moat*, and the 22d had a Meeting at *Jacob Fuller*'s to good Satisfaction.

The 25th I was at Friends Monthly-meeting at the *Moat*, much to our Comfort and Strength in

the Lord; and had a Meeting that Evening at *Limoiney*.

The 27th the Province-Meeting began at *Edenderry*, and continued for the Affairs of Truth and public Worſhip three Days, which the Lord was pleaſed to make a glorious heavenly and ſtrengthning Seaſon to Friends, and Reaching to many others, and the moſt holy Name was glorified. That Evening and the next Morning I was at *Thomas Wilſon*'s, where heavenly Life and Goodneſs very humblingly and ſweetly overſpread my Soul with many Friends, uniting us in a near Manner at our parting from one another.

The 30th I went to *Dublin*, not knowing then but that I might go readily for *England*; but ſome heavy Exerciſe grew over my Spirit for ſeveral Days, and my Way was blocked up at preſent for *England* (tho' I had ſome good Opportunities with Friends at *Dublin*) and under this mournful Exerciſe my Heart opened towards ſome Places in the North again, and alſo towards *Newport*, *&c.* in *Connaught*, which I had ſeen little of before; and in giving up in my Heart to go, my Mind was ſet at Liberty in living Sweetneſs again; and our Friend *Benjamin Holme* being there, and inclined to go that Way, we went the 7th of the Tenth Month to *Drogheda*, and had a Meeting there that Evening, ſeveral Friends being with us.

The 9th we had a large and pretty open Meeting at *Rathfryland*, in the Inn where we lodged; and the 11th we went to *Lurgan*, where the Province Meeting began that Day, and coutinued two more: Several Services fell in the Way here amongſt Friends and the neighbouring People, towards whom the Lord was pleaſed to open my Mouth in his Power, fully to my Satisfaction and Comfort in coming thither at this Time.

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The 13th in the Evening we had a very large and powerful good Time among the ſoberly inclined People at *Warrenſtown*, in *J. Greer's* Houſe, where we lodged; and the 14th we went to *Liſburn*, and had a precious open Meeting that Evening with Friends and many of the Town's-People.

The 15th we went to *Newtown*, a Place where not any of our Friends lived, and had a large Meeting in the Seſſions-Houſe; the People generally were very civil.

The 16th we had a very large Meeting in the Court-houſe at *Belfaſt*, to our great Satisfaction, the People being unexpectedly loving; there were no Friends in the Place.

The 17th we came back, and had a Meeting at our antient Friend *Tobias Courtney's*, and another large precious Meeting at *Lurgan* that Evening, much to my Eaſe and Comfort.

The 18th we went to *Ballybagan*, and had a good little Meeting there that Evening with ſome few Friends, at *Thomas Greer's* near *Charlymount*.

The 19th I ſet forward with *Benjamin Holme*, and ſome other Friends towards *Connaught*, and the 20th being Firſt-day, we rode to *Inniskillin*, and that Afternoon got the Liberty of the Court-houſe, and had a large, good Meeting with the People of the Town, no Friends living near the Place. The 21ſt we rode to *Ballyſhannon*, and got a little Meeting of the Town's-people in our Inn that Night, and the next Day got to *Sligo*, and had a Meeting there the 23d in the Seſſions-houſe, the Sheriff and ſeveral more of the People being very loving.

The 24th we rode to *Ballina*, but had much Trouble on the Way from the Waters; it being a very rainy Seaſon, and we Strangers to the Road: But very providentially for us ſome Men came into our Way, juſt before we came to a Bay on the Sea-

Seaſide, ſo that we had them to guide us over the Sands, we riding to our Horſes Bellies, and often deeper, above a Mile, which we could not ſafely have done without their Aſſiſtance. We found no Friends here, nor many *Engliſh*. The 25th we went to *Caſtle-Bar*, and got the 26th to *Newport*, where there are a few Friends; we ſtaid here ſeveral Days, and had three large Meetings in the Court-houſe to our Satisfaction, thro' our Father's divine Help, many ſober People coming in: And we had ſome good Service moſt of one whole Day among the few Friends there, whom we left in a good Degree of Nearneſs in the Love and Covenant of God, to whoſe heavenly Teaching and Help they were recommended. The 30th we came to *Gerſhon Boate's* at *Dunmore*, and had a good prevailing Seaſon that Evening, in the free Extendings of the Goſpel towards ſome civil People who came to our Meeting.

The 1ſt of the Eleventh Month we came to *Mary's Town* to *Gerſhon Boate's* jun. and had a good and large Meeting of Friends and others the next Day, and ſome good Service with the Families in the Evening.

The 4th we had a peaceable and bleſſed Meeting in *Athlone*, many of the People, and the chief of the Town came in, and were very tender; for the Power and Love of God was plentifully ſhed abroad among us to our Comfort. The 5th we had a Meeting at *Jacob Fuller's*, a powerful and bleſſed Time in the free Reaching of divine Love to Friends and many others; and a ſeaſonable good Meeting at the *Moat* the next Day, and the Day following a large and heavenly Meeting at *Richard Holme's*, among many other People, to general Satisfaction; and another that Night, to Comfort and good Service in the Love of Truth, at *Liſmoiney*.

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The 9th we went to *Henry Fuller's* at *Ballytore*, and had a large and comfortable Time in the Father's Love with ſome Friends there that Night. The 10th we went to the Province-meeting at *Caſtledermot* which held two Days, and Friends were helped in the Lord's Service together, and parted in Comfort. We came back to *Ballytore*, where we had a large Meeting in the Evening.-----

If a Journal of the remaining Part of this Viſit was by him kept, it is either miſlaid or loſt, but the following Extract of a Letter wrote from this Place, to a Relation in Yorkshire, *dated where the Journal breaks off, will in part ſupply the Difficiency; to which is added an affectionate Memorial of his fervent Regard to the Friends of his own particular Meeting, from the ſame Place.*

Dear Cousin G. M.

"IN freſh and near Love my dear Salutation often and now reacheth to thee and Mother, with all my near and dear Friends about you; tho' under pain of Heart that I am unexpectedly ſo long detain'd from you; but for the free Aſſurance renewedly, that the heavenly Hand and holy living Power engageth me here for the good of Souls, and helping to build up the Houſe for the Praiſe of the King of Righteouſneſs.

"When I wrote to thee in the Ninth Month, I thought I ſhould have been with you in the Tenth; and came to *Dublin*, not knowing but I might leave this Nation; but in the Way a load of Sorrow and Weight grew upon me, and for the moſt Part of two Days I was exceedingly diſtreſſed, till Life ſprang, and ſet ſeveral Parts of the Nation before me, both among Friends and others; and I was freely given up to turn back again, yea to go wherever Truth required. Many Friends had ſaid, they could not but admire, if I went then away, and rejoiced at my being thus turned

turned about. I had wrote again to thee at that Time, but that I had ſent ſome Account to Friends at the Quarterly Meeting at *York* of my Stay, from whence I conclude you heard where I was. I have travelled very cloſe during a Month, with great Toil; but ſatisfied as much as I could wiſh, that I was in the Lord's Counſel and Work. I and three other Friends were Seven Days and Nights, and had Meetings among other People, without coming to any Friend's Houſe, and travelled hard, having in that Time rode near 300 Miles in almoſt conſtant Rain, which hurt my Health; however the glorious Name of the Lord was with us, and was magnified.

" When I had near gone thro' this Service, inſtead of being able to look towards Home with Chearfulneſs, there ſeemed like Darkneſs to ſtand betwixt me and *England*, and my Heart is ſtill drawn another Way, and to go thro' the other Part of the Nation again; which I dare not omit, or turn my Back from, come what may: For Truth ſtill ſeems to open a Door for my Labour, wider and wider, both within, and to thoſe without; ſo that I have now no Expectation of ſeeing you before the middle of the firſt Month.-----I hope to let thee hear farther from me when I get ſomewhat more diſcharged, and am able to look homewards, or otherwiſe. I reſt this Day, which is more than I have done for many Weeks, yet am now pretty well in Health, only ſomewhat low at Times, when I think of home, and my unexpected long Stay from you and my poor dear Children, for whom my Bowels yearn in Love and tender Care, that they may be ſober, and ſeek to fear and love the Lord, and in ſo doing fare well; and thus may you all fare well, fare well. I am thy loving Friend and Couſin, JOHN FOTHERGILL.

P. S. Mayſt let Friends ſee the few Lines incloſed, *viz.*

To

To Friends of Wensleydale *Monthly-meeting in* Yorkshire.

DEAR FRIENDS,

"ALTHO' it is ordered that I am very unexpectedly detained from you so long, yet holy Goodness hath been and is pleased to favour with renew'd Confirmation to my full Satisfaction, in the daily attending my low and deep travelling Soul, with living Light and Help in his Presence, both for daily Food and Qualification for the Lord's Service, wherein you are often truly fresh in my near Remembrance; both many Particulars who are, I hope, waiting inwardly in Heart for pure heavenly Ministration; and also in a general Way: And deeply is my Soul often engaged in Prayer, that heavenly Help may frequently spring in your Souls, and encourage you secretly, and engage your Hearts for the Cause of the Lord in every Respect. And that you may, both Elder and Younger, Male and Female, be Encouragers and Helpers one of another in the Ways of Righteousness, and to true Blessedness. And oh! *my near Friends*, That you may all thus labour in Heart and Soul, and feel after the loosening Springing of immortal Life; to look to, and follow the Drawings of the pure Love of the Lord God, the Redeemer, the Succourer, the Strengthener of all the true and honourable Servants young and old, in all Ages. So will Hearts be disentangled from the hurtful, weakning Affections towards Visibles of all Kinds, and will be gradually brought into more Dominion in several Respects, and so will you grow both in the Knowledge of heavenly Favour, and in quiet Trust in that invisible, living Power, which is the sure Comfort of the Righteous, in and thro' their unpleasant, heavy Places, and which leads to sure Blessing every Way. And I pray mind the

Work and Buſineſs of the Lord's Houſe and Family, in the Lord's Time, with due Diligence and Faithfulneſs, in your ſeveral Places: So may, and I believe will both Ability and Peace, and holy engaging Comfort from the living Rock of all the Righteous Generations, be often with you; and you will often fare well, and be nearer and ſavourily helpful one to another. And thus with theſe few poor Lines, freely and very nearly reacheth my dear Salutation to all the Living amongſt you, I remain your *near Friend* and *engaged Brother* for the Help and Building-up of all the Lord's Children and People, in the Glory and Praiſe of the Lord God of Mercy and Salvation, worthy to be truſted in and followed fully for ever.

JOHN FOTHERGILL.

Towards the End of this Year (*as a ſhort Journal informs us*) he viſited ſome of the South Parts of *England*, travelling with great Diligence through *Lancaſhire*, *Cheſhire*, *Staffordſhire*, to *Birmingham*, having Meetings in his Way, as alſo at this Place, to his ſolid Satisfaction. From hence he went thro' *Worceſter*, into *Glouceſterſhire*, and to *Briſtol*, where he was at ſeveral Meetings and of the two laſt, being Firſt-day, he notes that 'They were large, 'and the Seaſons weighty, in the Attendance of 'the Goſpel-power; the holy Teſtimony where-'of was exalted, and prevailed over Corruption 'and Vanity, to the Comfort of the Upright, and 'the Diſcharge of his Spirit in a great Degree, 'and the Name of the Lord God was humbly praiſ-'ed and worſhipped.'

He went from hence thro' *Bath* into *Wiltſhire*, having Meetings in his Way; and at *Lixington* an Evening Meeting, to which came many ſober People of the Town, among whom the Lord opened his Heart and Mouth, in the Goſpel-teſtimony, which

which went forth freely towards them, and the Encouragement of the few Friends in that Place. At *Broomham* Meeting, where he was on a First-day, many of the neighbouring People came in, as well as many Friends, and the Lord favoured the Time with his Power and holy Preſence, and exalted his righteous Teſtimony over all. From hence he went to the *Devizes*, where he had a large Meeting that Night, to which ſeveral of the more conſiderable People of the Town came, and behaved ſoberly; and the Doctrine of the Goſpel ſpread over all with Weight, to general Satisfaction, and the Glory of God, who is alone worthy, and whoſe Power he adds, 'ſuſtained my bodily 'Ability, thro' much extremely ſpending Labour 'there-away, in a wonderful Manner.'

After this he had a Meeting at *Melkſham*, which he mentions as 'A cloſe or plain-dealing Seaſon; 'alſo at *Calne*, *Charlcott*, *Chippenham*, and *Corſham*; 'which laſt, he obſerves, was very large, Friends 'from many other Meetings being there; and I 'was opened, *ſays he*, and helped to preach the 'Goſpel in its own Power and Counſel, which 'through divine Goodneſs prevailed, to the Help 'and Reviving of many, and to my great Eaſe of 'Spirit in that Part of the Country, having been 'much exerciſed under a weighty Senſe of a luke-'warm, earthly Spirit among the many Profeſ-'ſors of Truth there-away; yet the Lord roſe a-'gainſt it, to the Awakening of ſeveral to more 'religious Fervency.'

He went from hence to *Marſhfield*, *Deadmartin*, *Hullington* and *Tedbury*, at which Places he had Meetings which were pretty profitable and ſatisfactory. At *Nailſworth* he was at two Meetings, which were pretty large, conſiſting both of Friends and other People of different Profeſſions, and the Power and Teſtimony of the Goſpel aroſe amongſt

them, to a good Degree of Satisfaction. From this Place he went to, and had Meetings at *Penſwick*, where he had a bleſſed ſtrengthning Time, thro' heavenly Goodneſs and Mercy, and ſo to *Cirenceſter*, *Slow*, *Cambden*, *Bridgenorth*, and *Shrewſbury*. At *Namptwich*, in *Cheſhire*, he had a Meeting at an Inn, which was an open Time, in the free Spreading of the Goſpel, among many ſober People, in the Love of God. After this he had Meetings at *Newtown* and *Franley* in the ſame County; from thence to *Wooldale* and *Hightown*, at both which Places he had ſatisfactory Meetings, and got to *York* the 24th of the Firſt Month, "where, *ſays he*, Friends were truly comforted together, in the Power and Love of God, which attended the Meeting for our Help in his Service. From hence, *he adds*, I returned home, with Peace and true Satisfaction, through the Lord's Favour, whoſe holy and great Name had, and hath the Praiſe, who is worthy to be feared, ſerved and magnified for ever.'

Whilſt he was upon his late Viſit in *Ireland*, he received an Account of the dangerous Indiſpoſition of one of his *Sons, in whom, tho' he was not then twelve Years of Age, ſuch Indications of ſolid Piety and Prudence above his Years, had appeared,

*William Fothergill. *He died not long after of a tedious and painful Illneſs, which a peculiar Evenneſs of temper, often tender'd and encouraged by a Senſe of divine Regard and heavenly Support, enabled him to bear with exemplary Patience and Reſignation. Many of his affecting Expreſſions are ſtill remembered by thoſe who were then with him; as well as many Inſtances of his Care and Fear, during the Time of his Health, not to offend the Almighty; the ſweet Influence of whoſe awful Preſence, ſeem'd often to be upon him.*

peared, as to render his Life very deſirable, and this Account the more afflicting to his Father; who nevertheleſs was enabled to reply by Letter, that 'Tho' he had all the Tenderneſs and Affection of a Parent for his Child, yet being ſatisfied he was from him in the Counſel and Service of the Lord, he muſt ſubmit all to the divine Diſpoſal.'

In the Year 1726, having performed the ſeveral Services then before him, and finding himſelf at Liberty to engage in his temporal Concerns, he began Houſe-keeping again, and applied himſelf with Diligence and Alacrity in the Care of his Family and Buſineſs: Yet not ſo as to neglect a due Attendance of Meetings, both for Worſhip and Diſcipline, being ſeldom abſent whilſt diſengaged from other public Service, and from the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings for his own Country; often attending thoſe of the neighbouring Counties likewiſe, as well as the Yearly Meetings in *London*.

In the Year 1727 he married *Elizabeth Buck* of *Netherdale*, a Perſon of grave becoming Deportment, and ſuitable Age; with her he lived in great Affection and Tenderneſs the remaining Part of his Life, ſhe ſurviving him not much more than a Year.

The next Account that we have of any public Service, was a Viſit to Friends in *Wales* and the South of *England*, of which we have the following Relation.

BEING drawn in Spirit to viſit *Wales*, and ſome other Parts Southwards; in the fore Part of the Second Month, 1732, I began my Journey for that End, and went by *Manchester* and *Cheſter*, and ſo to *Bala* in *Wales*, where the Yearly Meeting for that Dominion was held this Year; and great was the Concourſe of People, who in general behaved civilly, and were very attentive to the Teſtimony of Truth, which was livingly declared by

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many Friends in the free Movings of the Power of Truth that mercifully attended and aſſiſted Friends in the ſeveral Services of that Meeting.

From thence I went with *John Goodwin*, to his Houſe at *Eskergaugha*, and was at the Meeting there the Day following, being Firſt-day, wherein Truth prevailed to Friends Comfort, and the Help of ſome; divers of the neighbouring People then preſent, being under ſome Convincement at that Time.

From this Place we travelled through a mountainous Country and difficult Roads to *Llandewy* in *Cardiganſhire*, to *Thomas Evan*'s, and had a little Meeting with a few Friends thereabouts the next Day, and went after Meeting to *John Reeſe*'s in *Caermarthenſhire*; but a Fair happening to be near the Place, we could not have the Meeting before the Day following, when we had a good little Meeting with Friends there away in the Morning, and then rode pretty faſt to *John Bowen*'s, to a Meeting which had been appointed there before. The Day following I travelled into *Pembrokeſhire*, and came to *James Lewis*'s Houſe, not far from *Redſton*, from whence we went the next Day to *Haverfordweſt*: Here I ſtaid till the Fifth-day following, and had ſeveral Meetings with Friends, wherein, thro' the Help of Truth Friends ſeem'd ſomewhat rouzed up in the Way of their Duty, to their Profit. From thence I came to *Jameſton*, and had a pretty good Meeting there, and took my Leave of Friends of that County.

On the Sixth day I came to *Laghorn*, where there are but few Friends, yet had a good Opportunity amongſt them, and ſeveral others who came in and heard the Teſtimony of Truth with Appearance of Gladneſs.

The next Day came to *Paul Bevan*'s at *Swanzey*, and the Day following, being Firſt-day, was at two Meetings there, wherein the Power of Truth prevailed

vailed and gained Dominion, to the Help of many, and the Almighty was glorified.

From thence I came to *Trivereeg* to *John Bevan's*, and next Morning had a little Meeting there, and went that Night to *Elijah Biddle's* at *Pontipool*, where I had ſeveral Meetings to our Help, thro' the Lord's owning of us, bleſſed be his Name.

The next Firſt-day I was at *She-newton*, where there was a pretty large Meeting, which, thro' the Help of Truth, ſeemed to be of Service. The Day following we croſſed the *Severn* and got to *Briſtol*, where their Yearly Meeting was begun, and it pleaſed the Lord of all Mercies eminently to own and help his People greatly to our Comfort, and the Exaltation of his own Teſtimony, which ſeemed to make Impreſſion on may Hearts, and the glorious Name of the Lord our God was magnified.

I ſtaid ſeveral Meetings after this in the City, much to my Satisfation, and from thence went to the Quarterly-meeting for *Glouceſterſhire* held at *Thornbury*, which was large, and the Power and Goodneſs of the Lord was graciouſly extended among Friends, to the Comfort of the Honeſt-hearted, and for the Stirring up of the Negligent amongſt them; for divine Counſel and Virtue was ſtrongly with us, in the Love of God.

I went that Night to *Sudbury*, and next Day to a Meeting at *Melkſham* in *Wiltſhire*, where the bleſſed Truth, and its own Teſtimony, aroſe and prevailed to our Encouragement.

The next Day I had a large Meeting at *Charlcott*, and another that Evening at *Calne*, which the Lord manifeſtly owned, and made truly helpful to the Upright in Heart, as well as awakening to the dull and Earthly-minded.

The next Day I had a Meeting at the *Devizes*, where the Preſence and Help of the Lord was truly comfortable, and confirming in a Dependance upon him,

him, to the Praiſe of his own Name. That Evening I rode to *Marlborough* to a Meeting appointed there. The Number of Friends there is but ſmall, and are weakly in Religion; yet Help reached towards them in the Love of God.

From hence I went to *Newbury*, and the Day following, being Firſt-day, had two Meetings pretty much to Satisfaction, and there ſeemed Reaſon to hope, that Friends there, who had formerly been hurt, may yet recover in a religious Mind, and become a good Meeting.-----

The Account of this Journal breaking off here, and no other mention of it occuring in any of the Papers he has left, makes it probable, that he went from hence to the Yearly-Meeting at London *pretty directly, and was prevented by other Occurrences there from continuing it to his Return home.*

He attended the Quarterly Meeting at York, *as was uſual with him, when diſengaged from other Services, and went from thence to* Scarborough, *where he ſtaid ſome Time, it being the* Spaw-ſeaſon, *and many People of Note then frequenting it.*

The Year following he was engaged to viſit ſome of the Southern Parts of England *again, and has left the following Account of it,* viz.

IN the Year 1733, a freſh Concern came upon me to viſit ſome of the South and Weſt Parts of *England*, and the Time to ſet forward ſeem'd to be in the latter Part of the Ninth Month: I accordingly left my Family the 20th, and was at *Leeds*, *Wakefield* and *Hightown*, and to *Bradford*, where my Friend *Benjamin Bartlet*, being under a Concern to go with me, was making ready for the Journey, and on the 30th we ſet out for *Sheffield*, where we ſtaid Firſt-day, and then went pretty directly into *Warwickſhire*, where we had Meet-

Meetings at *Badgley* and *Wigginſal*, and on the Seventh-day got to *Birmingham*; where on the Day following we had two large Meetings, which were precioufly attended by heavenly Power, much to the Comfort of the Living, and tending to rouze up the Negligent to our great Gladneſs in the Lord.

The 2d of the Tenth Month we went to *Wolverhampton*, and that Evening had a Meeting with the few Friends in that Place, to which came many ſoberly behaved People, towards whom the Love of God extended much to our Comfort.

The 3d we had a Meeting at *Dudley*, wherein Truth owned us, to the Help of Friends; and the 4th we went back to *Birmingham*, to a Burial, which was attended by a large Number of People; and thro' divine Favour, it was made a Time of Profit to many.

The 5th we went to *Sturbridge*, and the 6th to *Broomſgrove*; at both which Places we had Meetings; and on the 7th to *Worceſter*, where on Firſt-day we were at two Meetings, to pretty good Satisfaction; as alſo a comfortable Seaſon in the Evening, with a pretty many Friends who came to ſee us, at *John Corbin*'s.

On Second-day we went to *Eveſham*, where on the Day following we had a Meeting with Friends, and rode that Night to *Tewkſbury*, and had a Meeting with Friends there that Evening, which the Lord was pleaſed to attend with his Power, to our great Encouragement.

On Fourth-day we went to *Glouceſter*, and had a comfortable little Meeting with the few Friends there that Evening; and another at *Nailſworth* on Fifth-day. The next Day we had a Meeting at *Slattenford*, where Friends from divers other Places met us, and the Lord was pleaſed to comfort

and encourage our Hearts together, in the bleſſed Senſe of his living Power.

On Seventh-day we came to *Bath*, and had two Meetings there next Day, and rode to *Briſtol* the Third-day Morning to the Meeting held there that Day, wherein we were favoured with the Senſe of antient and divine Help to our Comfort. We ſtaid at *Briſtol* a Week, and had ſeveral Meetings there, one of which was very large on Account of a Burial; thro' all which Opportunities the ancient Power and Preſence of the Lord owned and ſtrengthened us, and the Lord God was magnified.

The 2d of the Eleventh Month we went to *Portſhed*, and had a pretty large and profitable Meeting. On Fifth and Sixth Days we had Meetings at *Sittcot* and *Bridgwater*; and from hence to *Taunton*, *Minehead*, *Milverton*, *Wellington*, *Spiceland*, and *Columpton*; in all which Places we had Meetings, and ſome profitable Seaſons in them.

On Firſt-day we were at a pretty large Meeting at *Exeter*, and the next Day had a good Time, and ſome good Service with Friends there in their Monthly-meeting for the Affairs of the Church. On Third-day we had a Meeting with Friends, and ſome Neighbours that came in at *Abbot Caſwel*, and another next Day in the Evening at *Totneſs*. On Fifth-day we went to *Kingsbridge*, and had a comfortable Meeting with Friends there; and another on Sixth-day in the Evening at *Hulyton*, to which came ſeveral ſober People, with whom we had a good Opportunity. On Seventh-day we went to *Plymouth*, and on Firſt-day had two remarkable Meetings there, thro' the powerful Working of Truth. On Second day we went to *German's* in *Cornwal*, and had a bleſſed Meeting with Friends there that Evening. On Third-day we went to a Meeting at *Liskard*, to which many

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Friends came from diſtant Places, and the Lord helped us graciouſly to our Comfort. On Fourth-day we had a Meeting at *Loo*, where the Lord's Power and Wiſdom plentifully owned and relieved our Souls, and much encouraged Friends.

On Fifth-day we went to *Auſtil*, and had a large and helpful Meeting there, through the Ariſings of divine Power, tending to eſtabliſh in the Faith, and in the Practice of the Goſpel. We lodged that Night at *Samuel Hopwood's*, who went with us on Sixth-day towards the *Land's-End*; near which Place, at *Senman*, we had a large and open Meeting on the Firſt-day following, and then came back to *Penzance* to a Meeting that Evening, to which came many of the Town's-people. On Second-day we had a Meeting with Friends there-abouts, at *Market-Jew*, and came that Night to *Falmouth*, where on Third day we had a Meeting with Friends, which the Lord our God greatly favoured in the powerful Extendings of Goſpel-life and Wiſdom for Friends Help in a ſaving Manner. On Fourth-day we had a Meeting at *Key*, where ſome other People came in, and Truth was pleaſed to own us, and open us towards them, for their true Information, and the Comfort of Friends.

On Fifth day we went a croſs the Country to *Warebridge*, on Sixth-day to *Port-Iſaac*, and had a good Meeting with Friends, and a pretty many ſoberly-behaved People, thro' the free Extendings of the Virtue of the Goſpel. We lodged at *John Scantlebury's*, who went with us on Firſt-day Morning to a Place called *Dennis*, where we had a glorious and precious Meeting in a Field, with many Hundreds of People who were met there, and behaved with remarkable Sobriety. We afterwards rode to *Auſtil* to *Samuel Hopwood's*, where we had a good Opportunity with ſeveral Friends who came to ſee us that Evening.

On Second-day we came to *Milton*, and had a good little Meeting with Friends who live thereabouts; another on Third-day at *Collington*, and went on Fourth-day to *Oakhampton*, where on Fifth-day we had a Meeting, in which the Lord favoured us with his living Preſence, and enabled us to publiſh the Teſtimony of the Goſpel among ſome ſober People of the Town, who came in; and for the Help of Friends, who had been exerciſed by a wrong and dividing Spirit, which had enſnared ſome of them, and particularly a Man and his Wife, with whom, and ſome others, we had much Labour after Meeting.

On Sixth-Day we came to *Exeter*, and on Firſt-day we had a large helpful Meeting, in the Love of Truth, to the Humbling and true Benefit of many. On Second-day we were at their Monthly-meeting for the Affairs of the Church, where we had ſome Service, in the continued merciful Helpings of Truth. On Fourth-day we had a Meeting at *Card*, of which previous Notice having been given, ſeveral Friends met us there from divers Places; and that Night we had a large and weighty Meeting at *Ilminſter*. On Fifth-day we had a large and baptizing Meeting at *Long-Sutton*, thro' the merciful Prevailing of the Goſpel-power; and another in the Evening with Friends at *Somerton*. On Sixth-day we went to a Meeting at *Glaſtenbury*, which was pretty large, and an edifying Seaſon, in the Prevailing of the Power of Truth, and the Almighty Helper had the Glory.

On Firſt-day we were at a General-meeting at *Puddimore*, to which ſome ſober People came, as well as pretty many Friends, and Truth extended comfortably towards them. On Second-day we had a pretty large Meeting at *Shipton mallet*, of divers ſober People beſides Friends, and the Love and Power of the Lord our God were amongſt us.

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On Third-day we came to *Froome*, and had a Meeting there in the Evening, which was very large, and of various Profeſſions, many of whom attended to the Teſtimony of Truth, which ran freely among them; and we were much eaſed in that Meeting, and comforted in the Lord.

On Fourth-day we came to *Bradford* in *Wiltſhire*, and had a Meeting with Friends there, and lodged at *Joſeph Hull*'s, where ſeveral Friends came to ſee us, and the Lord gave us a good Seaſon together that Evening.

On Fifth-day we came to *Tedbury*, and had a Meeting there with Friends, and ſome others who came in, to our Comfort, in the Senſe of divine Mercy and Regard extended to us.

On Sixth-day we had a Meeting at *Cirenceſter* in the Evening, which was to our Satisfaction; as were likewiſe two Meetings which we were at on the Firſt-day following at *Shipton*.

On Second-day we went to *Benjamin Kidd*'s at *Banbury*, and the next Day to a Meeting at *South-Newton*, where Friends from ſeveral other Meetings came, and the Lord our God mercifully favoured us, and gave us a bleſſed Opportunity together.

On Fourth-day we went to *Warwick*, where we had a Meeting among Friends, truly to our Comfort, in the Prevailing of the Lord's Power: We came to *William Gulſon*'s at *Coventry* that Night, and the next Day had a large Meeting there, wherein the Love and Power of Chriſt glorioufly prevailed, and the Lord our bleſſed Helper had the Honour, who is worthy for ever. On Sixth-day we had a Meeting at *Nuneaton*, where many ſober People came, and the Goſpel of Salvation extended freely towards the Meeting, and had a comfortable Impreſſion on many Hearts; we came back to *Nathanael Newton*'s at *Hartſhill* to a Meeting on the Firſt-

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day, where many People from diſtant Parts were gathered, both Friends and others, and the Lord opened the Teſtimony of the Goſpel of Salvation, through Faith in his Name, in a precious Manner; and we parted with Friends in a near Senſe of the Love and Power of God, and to his Praiſe.

On Second-day we ſet out for the North, viſiting ſeveral Friends by the Way, and came that Night to *Derby*.

On Third-day we viſited ſome who were lately convinced in that hard Town, with whom we were comforted, and left them in Hope. We came that Night to *Breech*, expecting to have had a Meeting there that Evening, but the intended Notice had failed; ſo came to *Cheſterfield*, where we had a Meeting on Fourth-day, wherein the Arm of the Lord our God reached mercifully for the Help and Building-up in the moſt precious Faith, to our Gladneſs and Comfort; tho' we were very ſenſible of a Loſs to the Meeting, by Reaſon of ſeveral Friends being abſent.

On Fifth-day, being the 6th of the firſt Month, we came to *Bradford*, being both well, and in true Love and Nearneſs one to another.----

Among the Papers containing an Account of this Viſit, was the following Epiſtle to a Quarterly meeting *which they were prevented from attending in Perſon*, viz.

"DEAR FRIENDS,

"ALTHO' we had once a Deſire and Hope to be with you at this Meeting, yet now it is otherwiſe ordered; nevertheleſs ſome Concern reſts with us to ſend you a few Lines; in a near and encouraging Salutation, in a ſure Senſe of our Father's Love to you all, who have been born of incorruptable Seed, by the humbling Workings of the Power of the Word of God, which liveth and abideth

bideth for ever; and who have a careful Concern at Heart to be nouriſhed and quickned by its freſh Springs of Life, which is the Light of Men, in a religious Senſe, through all Ages: We having to hope and believe, there are ſuch among you, who of Neceſſity muſt often be under deep Affliction of Spirit, both for the Sake of our profeſſed Brethren, and eſpecially for the Honour of Truth, and the Peace and Welfare of the Church.

"And deep Longing is in our Souls, and we accordingly with Earneſtneſs adviſe, that you all may ſeek rightly for the powerful Influences of this bleſſed and incorruptable Seed in yourſelves, ſo that you may be born of it, into the heavenly Relation and Union, by that divine Word which ever lives; and ſo will you become ſpiritually minded, and Partakers together of that one Life, which hath made the Lord's People one in Heart: And by, and in the Light of this divine Life, the Faithful have received a true Underſtanding and ſound Judgment, and are likewiſe preſerved in Oneneſs, both of Judgment and Practice, in confeſſing Chriſt before Men; for God is one, and his Ways are one for ever.

"But, on the other Hand, many amongſt us, ſuffering the Earth, and Fleſh with its By-ends, to cover or load the divine Seed, or its Appearance in their Hearts, know not what it is to be born of it, and ſo come not into the heavenly Relation and Brotherhood, nor to be Witneſſers of the one Life ariſing in, and leavening their Hearts and Spirits into true Godlineſs; nor what it is to become Walkers in the Light, in the one Way, and one Practice, to the Glory and Honour of the one Faith, and Order of the Houſe and Family of the one Truth, and unchangeable God.

"Oh *Friends!* that you may be prevailed with to apply yourſelves to conſider theſe Obſervations

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duly in yourſelves; and be helped to ſeek the Power and Life of the Word, and to wait for and walk in the one heavenly Light, ſo as that you may know it more and more, and be baptized into the true Oneneſs, and may follow the one everlaſting High-prieſt abundantly more, and to your own unſpeakable Comfort.

" But you may remember, ſome of the antient profeſſed Believers were ſo negligent and unhappy, as to continue in the carnal Mind; and ſo Diviſions were amongſt them, and various ſelfiſh and pernicious Practices; ſome eſteeming Perſons more than Chriſt the Truth, which, though they were ſuch as were, or had been rightly prepared and ſent in his Name for their Gathering, was highly offenſive to God: And as the ſame Cauſe will produce the ſame hurtful Effects, we intreat you, our *Friends*, even thro' the County, both elder and younger, in order to avoid and to be helped out of theſe Inconveniencies and Danger of greater Hurt, ſeek after, and wait with due Diligence to feel the Power of the Word of Life to fill your Hearts, and alſo for freſh Ariſings of the pure humbling Life and Light thereof; ſo will you become a more living People, and much more truly religious and zealous for the Lord, yet in that Wiſdom which comes from the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, the one Head of the true Church; and your Eyes will be opened and kept open, and your Ears too, to ſee and diſtinguiſh the true Shepherd and his Voice, from the alluring, enticing, ſeducing Stranger's, both reſpecting the Gain, and the Liberties of the Spirit of the World; and concerning that crafty, ſelf ſeeking, contentious Spirit, which hath captivated ſome in divers Places, to their Hurt and Shame already, as well as in a ſorrowful Degree in ſome other Parts, to the Scandal of Religion: And of which Spirit, and deceiving Endeavours to ſow Diſcord, and ſcatter into

to By-ways for its own Honour and Advantage, without any true Regard to the Honour of God, *be you all warned and ſtand clear*, leſt any ſhould become Inſtruments thereby of more Hurt and Confuſion, than yet hath been amongſt you.

" Thus have we endeavoured to diſcharge ourſelves towards you, in the certain Senſe of the Love and Good-will of God, which hath not only opened our Underſtandings and Hearts on your Account in divers Reſpects, but ſeemed to point out this Way to diſcharge ourſelves towards Friends of your County, and that it may be more generally ſeen, if you be willing to ſend, Copies hereof to them, which we deſire; and remain your truly loving Friends in the Sincerity of the Goſpel of Chriſt our Lord and Saviour, and Law-giver.

The 9th of the Twelfth Month, 1733-4. JOHN FOTHERGILL. BENJAMIN BARTLET."

In a Letter to a Friend, dated from Port-Iſaac, *upon this Journey, he gives the following Account.*

---" My help is ſuſtained mercifully, and holy Help afforded to live, and labour in the Service for which I am drawn here-away; in a Manner which occaſions reverent Bowing of Soul before the Lord, and revives my Faith in his Name, who hath, as it is his Due, the Praiſe of all: And tho' it is a Time of great Lowneſs here-away, reſpecting that Dominion, which Chriſt ſhould have in the Hearts of his People; yet the Father's Love in Mercy often ſtrongly runs, and in Part prevails to the Comfort and Joy of the truly Inward: And the ſearching piercing Labour, at Times, makes ſome Impreſſion, giving to hope, that it will not be quite in vain. However, the Arm of the Lord is working and helps the truly Honeſt, whereof we have a Share of Rejoicing in him, and holy Thankfulneſs for his humbling Help from Day to Day; and my Heart

is deeply reverent at this Time in mentioning divine Mercy herein. We have been through one Side of *Somerſetſhire*, moſt of *Devon*, and at the *Land's-end* in this County: We expect it will be near three Weeks before we get thro' *Somerſetſhire*, from whence we propoſe to go homewards pretty readily.

J. F.

About the Year 1733 his ſecond Son *Thomas Fothergill*, died in the Twenty-ſecond Year of his Age: Of whom, our Father has been often heard to ſay, that *he never once diſpleaſed him:* And as he had *feared* God, and *honoured his Parents* from his Youth upwards, ſo felt his Diſſolution approaching without Terror, and departed in Innocency and Peace. And ſo manifeſt was the religious Awe that was upon him, both in Meetings, and in his general Converſation, as often to impreſs the Beholders with a Senſe thereof, and to excite ſome that were leſs regardful of their Duty in this Reſpect, to more Diligence.

After he returned from this laſt Viſit, he was not any long Time together abſent from home: He viſited nevertheleſs many of the neigbouring Meetings, and was often concerned, by Letters to adviſe, both ſuch of his Children as were not under his immediate Tuition, alſo many particular Perſons, as well as ſome Monthly and Quarterly-Meetings, to mind the Day of their Viſitation, and humbly and ſteadily to ſeek the Lord and his Truth; and ſo was he often the inſtrumental Means of Aſſiſtance and Encouragement to many of their religious Duties. As ſome ſuch Letters have been preſerved, that were wrote about this Time, we thought it not improper to inſert ſome Extracts from them in this Place, *viz.*

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"Dear Son,

"IT is not unpleaſant to have neceſſary Occaſions of writing to thee given me, becauſe I doubt not but to hear from me is very acceptable: And as a Degree of divine Love, I believe, tinctures my Spirit, both in remembring and writing to thee; I hope there may ſome helping Encouragement attend it, and profitably affect thee in the beſt Senſe; which, as a Longing or Deſire hath been begot, and ſome Taſtes afforded thee in the Father's Good-will, he will not neglect, tho' he ſuffers a plunging into Sorrow, and Doubt of getting rightly along, to attend; in order to keep beſt Care and Purſuit neceſſarily vigorous, and ſecondary Things in their Places; which is the Safety, Beauty and true Riches of Men. For heavenly Care leads to a quiet and balanced Sort of Living and Walking here on Earth; a Favour and Priviledge of the unſpeakable Advantage, and which Multitudes deprive themſelves of, by being their chief, and many almoſt their whole Application to ſeek Terreſtrials; and ſo want the Stay of all Stays in needful Times. Thus near Love and Care in my Heart, ceaſeth not to prompt me to deſire and long for thy right Improvement, which I am ſtill given renewedly to hope will be granted.------

------"My true Salutation attends thee, under a continued Deſire that thou may'ſt often reverently and duly keep in Mind, from whom all laſting Good comes, and whoſe Addition to our Endeavours, give the valuable Improvement; and that labouring to walk and act in ſteady Regard to, and Hope in God, will bring the moſt holy Quiet, and Serenity of Mind at home, and gain the moſt truly honourable Regard abroad; and at the ſame Time help to walk ſafely on this Sea of Glaſs, to which this World may be well compared; wherefore look carefully to Truth, and the Beauty of its

Simplicity, and thou wilt have to behold the reeling chaffy Spirit and Ways of this World, rather with an Eye of Scorn than Love, and be thankful that thou art in Meaſure already gather'd and ſet above it. And it will be good to conſider alſo, that though Diligence is a great and neceſſary Thing, and in ſeeking divine Favour the moſt profitable, becauſe therein is all Treaſure, both for Time and Eternity, and there is certainly a Bleſſing from God on the truly Diligent; yet it may likewiſe be neceſſary to remember, that the *Race is not always to the Swift*, but Patience, with the Exerciſe of Faith in the hidden Arm of Power, brings to ſee great Things many Ways: And thus, *dear Child*, may the Hand of the God of the Living be with thee, and guide thee in his Counſel, and to his Praiſe; and this is my earneſt Longing for thee.-----

-----" Thy Lowneſs and doubtful Stile, on the greateſt Account, affected me nearly, yet hath not been very painful to me, becauſe every Birth (of divine Appointment) is attended with preſent Uneaſineſſes, and in a certain, and ſometimes very heavy Manner; and the Senſe of the Danger and Difficulty, tho' ſometimes it ſwells to a diſcouraging Degree, yet hath this Effect with the Honeſt; it improves Fear and Care with earneſt and humble Diligence, in walking mindfully, and breathing the more hungrily after the Succour and Stay of the inviſible Hand, which delights in doing his Children Good, and feeding yet with ſeeming Shortneſs of Meaſure, and without that Diſpatch of the Work which the Creature would have; ſo that it requires Time to learn neceſſary Patience, and what it is to live by Faith; wherefore, *dear Son*, as a wiſe Man hath exhorted, *with all thy Getting, get Underſtanding*; I accordingly intreat thee, to ſeek principally after Improvement in Acquaintance

ance with the ſanctifying Hand, and to learn the Way and the End of its turning; and alſo that Stilneſs is required, when we ſee that no Hand but the Lord's can open the Way, and bring the long'd-for Help; and yet that Help and Salvation is to be looked for reverently and hopingly; and in ſo applying on our Part, the Lord our gracious God doth and will delight to regard, and work ſo, that his Ariſing may fill the Soul, and engage it in preſent Gladneſs, and ſtrengthened Faith in his Arm, and renewed Truſt yet to travel on: And thus his gracious Workings bring forth Praiſe and holy Admiration, to his great and mighty Name, wherein alone is that Salvation, and thoſe Riches, that are good for all.

" May the feeling Knowledge hereof, and an humble Hope and Truſt to be guided and balanced by the inviſible Holy One, guard and ſtay thee, thro' the unſettling Struggles that may attend thee: For betwixt the Converſe and Purſuits of the unmortified World, however poliſh'd by human Endeavours, and the earthly Nature in ourſelves, with the gilded Appearance of Penetration, Comprehenſiveneſs of Reaſoning and Fineſſe of many among the more learned Part of Mankind, and the little, low, yet pure and powerful Seed, which at Times makes itſelf known indiſputably, yet hides itſelf again: Creatures are liable to dangerous Toſſings; and good Beginnings, Ideas, and Deſires of God's own begetting, have unhappily miſcarried, and inſtead of coming nearer the Experience of Salvation being as Walls and Bulwarks about them, in a quiet Habitation; too many (for want of carefully looking towards the true Port) have been gradually, by one Wave after another, carried off to Sea again, and Ship wreck'd in the looſe, unbottomed Conceptions and Intereſts of this World. Wherefore cleave cloſe, I pray thee, to the immo-

movable Rock, the ſpiritual Appearance of the Father and the Son, in whom is all Might, and all Sufficiency; and I fully believe he will be thy God, thy Saviour, thy Shepherd, to lead and feed thee, thy Shield and exceeding great Reward. *Amen.* The beſt Love is freſh upon me towards thee to my Comfort; and hath drawn me thus to make theſe Obſervations for thy Caution and Encouragement in the beſt Purſuits.----

-----" As my Mind hath been concerned in much affectionate Care on thy Account, and ſometimes a lively Hope hath affected my Soul with Comfort, that thou might'ſt become a Man for God, and ſo to walk in his Fear, that he might be pleaſed to manifeſt his gracious Care over thee; ſo I am under both humble and anxious Deſires, that thou may'ſt watch againſt the Pollution of the lying Vanities of this corrupting Age, and the Spirit of the World; being well and thoroughly aſſured the divine Being requires it at our Hands, and is only well pleaſed with thoſe who walk uprightly before him, and are truly afraid of, and therefore ſteadily ſtrive againſt, leaning to any Thoughts or Practices that are contrary to the divine Mind, either in greater or in leſſer Matters; and they have the eaſieſt Work of it, who are the moſt duly reſolute in early Time, and firmly ſtand and walk according to Underſtanding; whereas bending a little here, and a little there (for which Excuſes will be ready at Hand, but of the evil One's preparing) and yielding and leaning aſide, always weakens and enſlaves, and renders that dwarfiſh, which the Lord of all Power would make ſtrong, healthy and ſound, and able to walk in his Way with Alacrity.'-----

In the Year 1736 *he made the neceſſary Prepartions for his third and laſt Viſit to* America, *which had been before*

before him a conſiderable Time: From the ſhort Minutes he kept of it, we have tranſcribed the following Narrative and interſperſed ſuch Epiſtles as have come to our Hands, that were wrote in this Journey.

SOME Exerciſe having been upon me ſome Years to viſit the Churches in *America* once more, it now became weighty and clear before me, that the proper Time was come for the Performance of that Service; I therefore prepared myſelf for the Journey, having the Concurrence and near Unity of my Friends, and left my dear Wife and Family the 17th of the Second Month 1736, and went to *Leeds*, and had ſeveral Meetings amongſt Friends, as I found it with me in my Way by *Mancheſter*, *Warrington*, thro' a Part of *Cheſhire*, *Staffordſhire*, and by *Coventry*, *Alesbury*, *Jordans*, and ſo to *London*. Having many good Meetings, in the Senſe of the Love and Power of Truth amongſt Friends, in many Places.

After ſome Weeks Stay with Friends at *London*, in the Labour of the Goſpel, under the merciful Aſſiſtance of the Power and Love of God, my Spirit being clear and at Liberty, and a Ship being ready, I went on board at *Graveſend*, in the Ship called the *Jane*, bound for *Philadelphia*, the 9th of the Fourth Month, and ſet ſail the next Day.

Whilſt the Ship was under Sail towards the Downs, *he wrote the following Epiſtle to* Friends *of the Yearly-Meeting in* London, *held in the Fourth Month*, 1736, viz.

My dear and truly beloved Friends *and* Brethren,

"APPREHENDING myſelf brought under Engagement in Spirit to viſit another Part of the World in the Service of the Goſpel, and believing my Way in the Truth now open thereto,

to; I am deprived of being perſonally with you on the weighty Occaſion and Service of this Meeting, which the Love of Truth and for its Cauſe and the Comfort of the true Brotherhood hath often drawn me to attend, and at this Time would have been deſirable to me as a Man, yet a holy Content is wrought in me, in a living Senſe of his Love and Preſence, who I apprehend has ordered it otherwiſe, and hath ſo graciouſly and abundantly filled my Heart, and dwells upon me, in looking towards you in this enſuing Yearly-Meeting, that I cannot eaſily forbear writing theſe few Lines as a little Means to recommend my dear and near Salutation in the engaging, uniting, and ſtrengthening Love of the One Everlaſting Father and moſt gracious Shepherd, who is mercifully near and willing to teach and feed his humble and obedient Followers, and who I pray and hope will be Wiſdom, Strength and uniting Life unto, and more and more lead you and reign amongſt you all, when together, and in all particular Lots, and for which End I humbly and earneſtly beſeech and intreat you, *dear Friends* and *Brethren*, look to God, look to divine Help daily and carefully; and oh! that that antient apoſtolic Teſtimony and everlaſting Goſpel Truth, *The natural Man receiveth not*, or perceiveth not, *the Things of God, neither can he, becauſe they are ſpiritually diſcerned*, may ever be duly remembered and conſidered by all of us; for theſe Words ſurely, *the Things of God*, are of an extenſive Import and Signification, and directly relate to our thorough Salvation, the enriching our Souls, and rightly informing our Underſtandings, and enabling us for the true Service of his Houſe from Time to Time. And theſe Things being in divine Wiſdom declared, only ſpiritually to be diſcerned, I cannot with Safety as I apprehend, but requeſt and intreat you my Brethren carefully to conſider

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this Doctrine, which often bears much Weight with me, and is attended with Comfort often under renewed Certainty that the Lord is well pleaſed with an humble and honeſt Care in this Reſpect: Wherefore my beloved Friends, let this my farewel Intreaty be accepted, ſo as to induce and encourage you to Improvement of Dilligence in the unchangeable Duty of Waiting upon God, for ſpiritual Feeling and divine Help, a Practice abſolutely neceſſary for and through all Ages; and ſo will your Strength to ſee and practiſe and labour truly be yet certainly renewed in particular and in the general, to the Comfort of the Flock of Chriſt, the more winning Example to them without, and exalting the Glory and Honour of the Lord our God, and Almighty Helper; whoſe rich Love and pure healing Preſence ſo over-comes my Spirit in thus reaching towards you, that it is difficult for me to write and not wet my Paper, and in its divinely uniting, ſweetening, ſtrengthening Influence, my Soul worſhips as at the moſt holy Footſtool, and in the neareſt and ſtrongeſt Covenant ſaith to you, Farewell, who am your nearly affectionate Friend and Brother, truly craving to be in your Remembrance.

10*th of* 4*th Mo.* 1736. JOHN FOTHERGILL.

We (*continues the Journal*) arrived ſafe and well at *Philadelphia* the 6th of the Sixth Month, having an eaſy good Paſſage, and more eſpecially ſo, becauſe of the Favour of the lively Senſe of the divine Preſence being often renewed, under which my Soul humbly worſhipped God, who is worthy for ever.

I lodged at *Iſrael Pemberton's*, but ſtaid not long there-away, finding my Mind moſt drawn to haſten towards *Maryland* and *Virginia*; and ſet forward the 14th of the Sixth Month, ſeveral Friends

accompanying me to *John Richardſon*'s, near *Chriſtine Creek*; and from hence to *Newcaſtle*, *Cecil*, and ſo over *Cheſter* and *Choptank* Rivers, having ſeveral profitable Meetings in the Way. And not far from the Banks of this laſt River, we had a Meeting in a Foreſt, at one *Jeremiah Jadwin*'s, amongſt a People little acquainted with the Doctrines of Truth; yet pretty many gathered there, behaving with Sobriety and Attention, and the Power of Truth came into Dominion amongſt us, much to our Satisfaction: After Meeting we lodged with one *Richard Cooper*, a loving, generous old Man, and a Perſon of Note in that Part of the Country.

The 1ſt of the Seventh Month I had a Meeting at *Little Creek*, from whence many Friends accompanied me to a Meeting at *Mother-kill*, which the Loving-kindneſs of God very mercifully regarded, and gave Friends Comfort in his Preſence, amongſt a poor unfaithful People.

On the 4th we had a Meeting at *Lewiſtown* in the Court-houſe, which was a pretty open profitable Seaſon. Alſo on the 5th at *Coldſpring*, and another in the Evening at *Charles Dingy*'s, both to good Satisfaction. From hence I ſet out for *Virginia*, and Notice having been given in the Country, we had a pretty large Meeting on the 9th near *Swanſgut*, a little within the Confines of *Virginia*, which was to good Satisfaction in the Aſſiſtance of Truth, though I had the Ague then upon me.

On the 10th, as ſoon as I could bear to ride, *Edward Mifflin* and I ſet forward, and came that Night to *Paul Crippin*'s, a Friend near *Muddy-Creek*, where formerly a Meeting had been ſettled; but by gradually mixing with the Spirit of the World, and ſo into Marriages with others out of the way of Truth, the Elders being dead, the Youth turned their Backs of Truth, and the Meeting was quite dropp'd: I had

had no Freedom to appoint a Meeting there, and ſo ſet out the next Day towards *Neſwaddacks*, where Notice had been given of our Intention to have a Meeting there the next Day, which was the Firſt of the Week. The Meeting was held in the Meeting-houſe where formerly there had been a pretty Number of Friends, but now they are near gone, through the Love of the World, with its Enjoyments and Liberties; ſo that a Meeting is hardly kept there; but a pretty many of the Neighbours gathered, and we had a Meeting, which was comfortable to me, in my Faithfulneſs to the Lord; tho' they ſeemed to have but little Senſe of God, or the Operation of Truth; for indeed a Cloud of carnal Indifferency appeared to me to have overſpread almoſt all that Part of the Country in an uncommon Manner.

From hence we ſet out for the Yearly Meeting on the *Weſtern ſhore*, but by the Difficulties we met with in croſſing the Bay, one Day of it was over before we arrived: We had however two Days Meetings with a ſolid religious Body of Friends there, and a pretty many others, whoſe Behaviour was ſober and commendable; and the Lord our God was pleaſed to bleſs the Opportunity with his Preſence and Wiſdom, to the Satisfaction of many, and his holy Name was glorified. We viſited ſeveral Friends here-away, and then went towards *Carolina*, having Meetings in divers Places, one eſpecially near *Perquimons-head*, which was large and ſatisfactory; and another at a new Meeting-houſe near *Perquimons-river*.

On the 25th I went from hence towards *Paſpitank-River*, and was at a Meeting of Friends there the 26th, which was made in good Meaſure comfortable, to God's Honour, to whom it is due: And tho' I was exceeding weak, by reaſon of a very ſharp Return of the Ague, which came upon me the Day

before, yet on Third-day following we had a Meeting up the River at *Amos Trueblood's*, chiefly conſiſting of other People, which, in the Lord's Help, was much to our Satisfaction. I had likewiſe a Meeting at *Little-River*, and another up the ſame River, tho' very weak in Body.

The 1ſt of the Eighth Month I got to *Perquimons*, where the Yearly-meeting was held for *North-Carolina*, and begun that Day; it was pretty large, but I was ſcarcely able to ſit the Meeting, thro the Violence of my Diſorder. On the 2d the Meeting was ſtill larger, and I was enabled to declare the Truth, in its own Ability and Wiſdom, to the Help and Comfort of the Upright; and the Power and Love of Truth tended much to ſeaſon and fit Friends to tranſact the Affairs of the Church, which were that Day brought before them. The Meeting ended the next Day, but I was too much indiſpoſed to attend it.

On the 4th I ſet out for *Virginia*, full of Peace, tho' very weak, and the next Day had a comfortable Meeting at *Thomas Newby's*, with ſome Friends and other neighbouring People. Alſo the Day following another at *L. Buffkin's*, which was pretty large and comfortable. Thro' the Lord's Goodneſs, my Indiſpoſition now began to wear off, and I was enabled to travel with more Eaſe. On the 7th I had a Meeting near *Joſeph Pleaſant's*, where through divine Mercy which was graciouſly amongſt us, we had a good Seaſon. I ſtaid here viſiting Friends in their Families in the Neighbourhood two Days, and on the 10th, which was Firſt-day, was at a Meeting not far off, and had a merciful and livingly edifying Time that Evening, with ſeveral Friends who came to ſee me, with *Joſeph Pleaſant's* Family.

The 12th I went over *Nanſimond-River* to *Weſtern-Branch*, where I expected to have had a Meeting

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that Day, but the Notice had failed; ſo I ſtaid at *Abraham Rixe*'s till Fifth-day, and went to the Monthly-meeting for the Church-affairs, which was large and peaceable. From hence I went to a Meeting at *Raſco-Neck*, and came up near *Weſtern-Branch* to a Burial. The 17th I was at a General-meeting at *Weſtern-Branch*, which was very large, and thro' divine Favour a good Time, my Spirit being very much at Liberty; and I was cleared of that Part of the Country. I then turned up the Province to have ſome Meetings with a few Friends that were gone to ſettle there, and had one the next Day at *Robert Rixe*'s, another on the Day following at *John Denſon*'s, and another on the 21ſt at one *John Thorp*'s, where we had a bleſſed Time, thro' divine Help amongſt a People who were nearly, if not altogether Strangers to Friends and the Doctrine of Truth, who nevertheleſs behaved with Sobriety and Attention.

From hence I travelled forward, and had Meetings near *James-River*, *Appamattack-River*, and other Places: And the 1ſt of the Ninth Month had a Meeting at *Wyke Honnicutt*'s, amongſt his Neighbours and ſome Friends, to good Satisfaction. And the next Day had a precious eſtabliſhing Time toward Friends, thro' the Lord's Mercy, and to his Glory, at a Meeting at *William Lead*'s, near *Wynoke*. Alſo at *Curles*, *Black-Creek*, and *Swamp*, and turned back the 6th to ſee Friends at a Monthly-Meeting, where I took Leave of many Friends of that Part of the Country in much Love and comfortable Nearneſs. Next Day I went to *Cedar-Creek* Meeting, where the Truth much comforted me, and opened bleſſedly relieving and eſtabliſhing Doctrine to the People; and we had ſome good Service among a pretty many Friends whom we went to viſit. The Day following we had a Meeting at *John Cheadler*'s, to which a pretty many Peo-

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ple gathered from a conſiderable Diſtance, and we had a good Meeting; as alſo another good open Meeting, where none that I heard of had been before, at one *Thomas Warren*'s, who was under ſome Search after Truth, and a ſober Man.

On the 11th I ſet forward thro' the Wilderneſs, in order to viſit a new ſettled Country, far up in the Mountains, and that Night got Lodgings at a friendly Man's Houſe in the Fork of *Rappahannock-River*, and rode the next Day over ſome high and ſtony Mountains, a Man being with me as a Guide, who was a Stranger to the Way as much as myſelf, yet thro' the good Care of our God we got over *Shennadore-River* to one *Cheſter*'s, who was very courteous to us, his poor Circumſtances conſidered, which was alſo the more acceptable, as I expected Nothing but to lodge in the open Woods that Night.

The 13th we went to *Abraham Hollingſworth*'s, a Friend, near *Opeckon*, and the next Day, being Firſt day, I was at a Meeting with ſome Friends and divers others, at the Meeting-houſe near *Alexander Roſſe*'s. The 15th I came back to *Abraham Hollingſworth*'s in order to be at a Meeting the Day following near *Shennadore-River*, which was held at *Robert Mackay*'s the younger, and was pretty open and comfortable. On the 17th we had a Meeting at *Iſaac Perkin*'s, to which came the greateſt Part of Friends of that new ſettled Country, wherein the Love and Wiſdom of Truth appeared much to my Eaſe, and their Eſtabliſhment in Religion. The next Day I had a good open little Meeting at *Richard Beeſon*'s; and on the following, another with ſome Friends and divers others at *John Smith*'s. On the 20th we croſs'd *Potomack-River*, and travelled over that high Ridge called the *Blue-Mountains*, and having miſs'd our Way; with great Difficulty we got to *John Baile*'s at *Manockacy*, and was at the Meet-

Meeting there the 21ſt, and took Leave of Friends there-away. From hence we ſet out towards the Head of *Patuxent-River* in *Maryland*, and in two Days hard riding we came to *Samuel Plummer's*, and travelled down towards *Patuxent Mouth*, and had a Meeting with a few Friends there on the 26th, to our Comfort. This is the loweſt Meeting in the Province.

The 1ſt of the Tenth Month we had a Meeting at *Herring-Creek*, and another the next Day at *Weſt-River* where Truth opened me in a very cloſe-dealing and warning Manner to ſome looſe People, as well as truly comfortable to the Upright in Heart.

On the 3d we had a Meeting near the upper Part of *Patuxent*, and went that Night to *Gerrard Hopkins's* the younger, where I had ſome Service for Truth; in ſhewing how the Youth were in divers Reſpects departed from it into the Spirit and Ways of the World, and the unhappy Conſequences thereof in divers Inſtances. We had a Meeting next Day at *Elk-ridge*, which was of good Service, and another the Day following at a Friend's Houſe at *Patapſco*. From hence I went to *Buſh-River*, and had a Meeting with Friends there-away, and another at *Deer-Creek*, to ſome good Satisfaction.

We got over *Suſquehannah-River* on the 11th, tho' with ſome Difficulty, by Reaſon of the Ice driving down upon us, and went that Night to *Henry Reynold's* in *Weſt-Nottingham*, and on the 12th was at Friends Meeting there, which was large and ſolid, and had a precious Opportunity amongſt them. After this I went forward towards *Philadelphia*, having Meetings at ſeveral Places, as at *Eaſt-Nottingham*, *London-Grove*, *New-Garden*, *Kennet*, *Newark*, and *Chicheſter*, which laſt was pretty large, many Friends being there from divers Places; from whence I went home with *John Salkeld*, and on the 22d got to *Philadelphia*, and the Day fol-

following was at Friends Week-day Meeting, where we were graciouſly favoured with heavenly Help, much to our Comfort. I ſtaid there-about till the Firſt-day following, when the Lord was pleaſed to bleſs us by his Power and Love, much to our Humiliation in his Preſence, in three public Meetings.

The 27th I ſet out again into the Country, and had a Meeting that Day at *Plymouth*, and a large one the Day following at *North-Wales* (it being their Monthly-meeting for Buſineſs) wherein we were comforted together; and alſo the next Day at *Perquiomin*, which thro' heavenly Help was a truly good Seaſon. The 31ſt I had a comfortable Meeting at *Maiden-Creek*, and on the 2d of the Eleventh Month another at *Oley* with Friends thereaway, which was much to my Eaſe, and the Comfort of the Upright-hearted. I had Meetings likewiſe at the *Furnace* near *Manhatawny*, and at the *Great-Swamp*, which Truth made a truly good Time to many; alſo at a Place called *Plumſted*, and a large one at Friends Meeting-houſe near *Buckingham*, and from thence I went to *Wright's-Town* and *Falls*, at which Place I had a large and truly edifying Meeting. I had likewiſe Meetings at *Trenton*, *Burlington*, and *Briſtol*, to which Friends came from ſeveral diſtant Places.

The 16th I was at *Neſhaminy* Meeting, which the Lord of Mercy and all Power glorioufly owned to the Comfort and Help of many; and his mighty Name was worſhipped. We had another Meeting that Evening at *Adam Harker's* (where I lodged) much to the Edification of the Living. The 18th I had a Meeting at *Bybury*, and the Day following another large and profitable Meeting at *Abington*; from thence I went to another at *Horſham*, and croſſed the *Schuylkill* into *Cheſter* County, was at *Caln* Meeting on the 23d, being Firſt-day, and ſo

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Uwchland and *Goſhen*, where thro' the Lord's Goodneſs, we had a large and precious Meeting; and another the Day following in the *Valley*; alſo at *Radnor* and *Newtown*: And from hence to a Meeting of Miniſters and Elders at *Haverford*, where on the firſt of the Twelfth Month a General-meeting was held. The next Day, thro' the Help of Truth, we had a precious Opportunity at *Springfield*, the Day after at *Darby*, and the next at *Merion*, which was large and edifying. From hence I went with ſome Friends who came to meet me, to *Iſrael Pemberton*'s at *Philadelphia*. On the 5th was a Quarterly-meeting of Miniſters and Elders, the 6th being Firſt-day, I was at three Meetings, wherein divine Regard very comfortably owned and helped us. The 7th I was at a Quarterly-meeting of Buſineſs for the County, which was large and peaceable; and on the next Day at the Youths-meeting there, which thro' the gracious Goodneſs of the Lord, was made a bleſſed Time to many.

I left the City on the 9th, and had Meetings at *Cheſter* and *Middletown*, and was at the Quarterly-meeting of Miniſters and Elders at *Concord*, where I ſtaid over the Firſt-day, and alſo the Meeting of Buſineſs for the County the Day following, which thro' divine Goodneſs were large and edifying.

The 15th I was at the General-meeting at *Providence*, which was large, and a heavenly time. The 16th I had a Meeting at *Birmingham*, which was large and ſolidly profitable: Another the next Day at *Bradford*, and the Day after at *London-Grove*, where many Friends from other Meetings met me, and the Lord our God was pleaſed eminently to own and bleſs our Meeting to our Comfort and Joy in his holy Preſence. From hence I went to *Sadsbury* and *Laycock*, where I had Meetings, and another on the 23d, in my Way to *Calne*, at a Friends Houſe, which was made through divine Goodneſs, a very

edifying Time to Friends and many of the Neighbours who came in : No Meeting of Friends had been held there before. I returned from hence to *Philadelphia*, where I ſtaid near a Week, and had ſome ſatisfactory Service in divers Caſes.

On the 1ſt of the Firſt Month, being Third-day, I had a meeting at *Germantown*, from whence I went over the River into the *Jerſeys*, and had Meetings at *Woodbury-Creek*, *Pileſgrove*, and *Salem*, which laſt was large and edifying, thro' the Love and Wiſdom of Truth. The next Day I had a precious Meeting at *Alloway-Creek*, and the Day following another at *Greenwich*, wherein heavenly Help in divine Favour was bleſſedly with us, and the Name of our God was magnified.

The 9th I rode to *Cape-May*, and the next Day had a Comfortable Meeting with ſome Friends at *Richard Townſend*'s, ; alſo the Day following a pretty large and edifying Meeting with Friends near *Jacob Garriſon*'s. The 12th we croſſed the River, and the Day following had a large Meeting, and an open, precious Time, in the Love and Power of the Goſpel at *Great-Egg-Harbour*; as alſo another pretty large Meeting higher up on the Shore, at *Robert Smith*'s the Day following. That Night we paſſed over a dangerous Marſh and River to *Little-Egg Harbour*, where on the 15th we had a Meeting with Friends there-away, to our true Comfort. From hence we paſſed thro' the Wilderneſs to *John Eſtaugh*'s near *Haddonfield*, and on the 18th was at a Quarterly-Meeting there, wherein the helping Hand of the Lord was with us to his Praiſe.

The 19th I went to *Philadelphia*, and was at a Meeting of Miniſters and Elders, in the Beginning of their Half-year's-meeting for the two Provinces, which continued two Days, and was eminently owned with the helping Power and Preſence of the

the Lord. The Half-year's-meeting being over, I ſtaid till the Monthly-meeting for the City, where I had ſome Service for Truth, and comfortable Satisfaction. I then went into the *Jerſeys*, and was at a large Meeting on the 27th, being Firſt-day, at *Haddonfield*; another at *Cheſter* on the Day following; and a large and weighty Meeting near the Widow *Evans*'s that Evening.

The 30th I went to a Meeting near the *Falls*, in the County of *Bucks*, where a Marriage was that Day ſolemnized; and divine Power and Goodneſs owned us, greatly to our Comfort. I came back the next Day, and was at the Meeting at *Burlington*, which the Lord was pleaſed to bleſs with his Love and powerful Appearance; and his holy Name was humbly worſhipped and glorified.

The 1ſt of the Second Month I had a Meeting at *Ancocas*, worthy of awful Remembrance; and the 3d a great Meeting near *Mount-Holly*, wherein Truth opened and prevailed in a ſtrengthening Manner. The next Day I was at *Burlington* Monthly-meeting, which was much to our Help in the Lord, and our great Encouragement in his Service. The next Day I had a Meeting at *Old-Springfield*, and on the Day following near *Upper-Springfield*, which was large and a profitable Seaſon.

The 7th I was at a large Monthly-meeting at *Cheſterfield*, wherein the Power and Love of God eminently appeared amongſt us. The next Day we had a Meeting at *Mansfield*, and a bleſſed open Meeting the Day following at *Burden*'s-*town*, among a ſoberly-behaved People. The 10th, being Firſt-day, I went to *Stony-Brook* Meeting, and on the 12th had a large Meeting and a precious open Seaſon amongſt a mixed People at *Allenſtown*; and another the Day following at one *Moſes Robins*'s, where a conſiderable Number of People of other Societies gathered, and we had a good Time with them. The 14th I went to a Place near

the Sea-ſhore, called *Good-luck*, where the Day following I got among the People there-about, and went to a Place called *Squan*, where Notice being ſpread among the Neighbourhood of a Meeting to be held the next Day, we had on the 17th a large and helping Meeting, thro' the gracious Aſſiſtance of the Lord our God. After Meeting I went near *Shrewsbury*, and the 20th had a Meeting at *Middletown* in a *Baptiſt* Meeting-houſe, among ſome ſoberly-inclined People of ſeveral Profeſſions, which was to good Satisfaction. That Night I went to *Shrewsbury*, and had a Meeting there the next Day, and another not far off the next, which the Lord our God owned to his own Praiſe. I ſtaid amongſt Friends here-away till Firſt-day Morning, and had a very large Meeting at *Shrewsbury* again, and went that Night to *William Hartſhorn*'s, and had ſome Service in the Family that Night, in the Love of Truth, to good Satisfaction. The 25th I was at Friends Quarterly-meeting, which was large, and a precious Seaſon; next Day had another great Meeting, chiefly among the Youth, and ſet out that Evening on my Way to *Woodbridge*, where I had a Meeting the 28th, and another at *John Shadwell*'s the next Day, where a conſiderable Number of People gathered, among whom I had a good Opportunity.

The 1ſt of the Third Month I had a Meeting at *Plainfield*, and went from thence to *Long-Iſland*, and to *New-York*, where I had alſo a Meeting, and another on the 4th at *Newtown*, in *Long-Iſland*, to which came ſeveral well-diſpoſed People, and the Lord made it a precious Time. The next Day I was at the Monthly-meeting for Buſineſs at *Fluſhing*, wherein Truth was graciouſly with us, to our Comfort. On the 6th I went over the Sound to *Weſt-Cheſter*, intending to have had a Meeting there that Day, but the Notice had failed; I viſited ſeveral

veral Families of Friends, and having appointed a Meeting there that Day Week, went to *Rye-Woods*, near which Place, we had a large Meeting the 8th, being Firſt-day; another the Day following at *North Caſtle*, and the next Day another at *Horſe-Neck* in *Connecticut* Government. The 11th I had a Meetting at *Whiteplaines*, where there are but few Friends, but many of the neighbouring People gathered with us, and the Love and Power of Truth was very comfortably amongſt us. The next Day I was at Friends Monthly-meeting near that Place, were moſt of the Friends there-away gathered, and many other People likewiſe; and in the heavenly Opening and Aſſiſtance of Truth we had a bleſſed Seaſon together.

The 13th we had a Meeting at *Weſt Cheſter*, according to Appointment, and went afterwards to *Samuel Bowne*'s on *Long-Iſland*, who had accompanied me this Week. On the 15th, being Firſt-day, I was at the Meeting at *Fluſhing*, which was large; from hence I went towards *Cow-Neck*, and had a Meeting there; and a large one the Day after at *Matinicock*, which was made to many a ſolidly, helping, and eſtabliſhing Time. I had Meetings likewiſe at *Oyſter-Bay*, *Weſtbury*, and a precious Opportunity in the Enlargement of the Life of Truth at *Bethpage*.

The 24th I went to a Meeting at *Seckitauga*, where the good Arm of the Lord was eminently with us to our Comfort, and the Help of divers. The next Day I was at Friends Monthly-meeting at *Weſtbury*, which was large, and Affairs well conducted: And the Day following went to a Place called *Rockway*, where we had a Meeting in a Barn, and the Lord of all our Mercies was graciouſly mindful of us: We went after Meeting to viſit a Woman Friend, in a weak low Condition, with whom we were comforted in the Senſe of the Preſence of Truth.

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The 27th we went to *Flushing*, *John Bowne* being with me, where the Yearly-meeting for these Parts began, and continued four Days, Part for Worship, the rest for the Affairs of the Church; the public Meetings were very large, and the Goodness and Mercy of the Lord God owned them, and enabled us in his Service, to the Help of many, and exalted his own everlasting Gospel-testimony, and his glorious Name was worshipped and magnified.

The 31st several Friends set out with me towards *Rhode-Island*, tho' I was now in a poor, weak, spent Condition, as to bodily Ability, and capable of travelling but slowly, the Weather being exceeding hot, yet I was measurably supported with inward Help and Hope in the Arm of the Lord's All-sufficiency. We passed thro' *Connecticut* Government, and came to *James Perry*'s, in the *Narraganset* Country, and the 5th of the Fourth Month, being First-day, were at *Kingston* Meeting, and the Day following at a Monthly-meeting there. On the 7th I had a Meeting on *Conanicut-Island*, where some Friends met us from *Newport*, and we were favoured with a comfortable Time, in the Prevalency of divine Goodness, and got that Evening to my Brother-in-Law *John Proud*'s, in *Newport*.

On the 9th the Yearly-meeting began at *Portsmouth*, and a large, precious Meeting it was; I returned to *Newport*, where the Yearly-meeting continued, and held four Days, the Assembly being large and peaceable, and at Times comfortable in the Arisings of the mighty Power and Love of God, who had the Glory and Praise. The 15th I had a large and edifying Meeting at *Tiverton*, and lodged at *Joseph Wanton*'s, where we had a good little Meeting that Evening. The next Day I had a Meeting at *Seconnet*, and a large one the Day after at *Coaxet*. The 19th, being First-day, I was at *Cushanet*, where we had a large and good Meeting, in

in the Lord's merciful Help; as alſo at *Ponigansſet*, *Rocheſter*, and *Succoneſet*. From whence we went down to the Water-ſide, and went on board a Sloop with many other Friends, and got well over to *Nantucket* the 23d, and on the 24th the Yearly-meeting began there, which was large, and continued four Days, to the true Satisfaction, and the Name of the Lord was glorified.

The 28th I went over the *Sound* again, but paſſed the Night in an open Boat, and got into *Baſs-River* near *Yarmouth* the next Day, and had a Meeting in *Plymouth* the Day following, where no Friends live, nor had there been a Meeting there near Thirty Years; many of the People came to it, and Almighty Goodneſs mercifully owned us, and enabled to preach his everlaſting Goſpel, much to the Peoples Satisfaction, who behaved very civilly.

The 1ſt of the Fifth Month I had a Meeting at *Pembroke*, and rode that Evening to *Boſton*; and the 3d, being Firſt-day, went to the Quarterly-meeting at *Hampton*, where many Friends and others gathered; the next Morning Friends tranſacted the Affairs of the Church, and had a public Meeting afterwards: The Lord our God was graciouſly pleaſed to own our Aſſemblies in his Power and Wiſdom, to his own Glory, and much to the Edification and Comfort of many Souls. On the 5th I had a Meeting at *Stretham*, which was an open bleſſed Time; and another large one the Day following at *Kecheachy*, to good Satisfaction.

On the 7th I had a Meeting at *Dover*, to which Friends in that Part of the Country generally came, and alſo many of the *Presbyterian* People, who heard of my being come to thoſe Parts again (having in a former Viſit to this Place, had good Service for the Lord in theſe Parts) and we had a glorious powerful Meeting in the Name and Love of God, which

which was great among us that Day. I lodged at *John Kenny*'s, where we had a precious Opportunity with many Friends that Evening. The next Day we had a Meeting at *Portſmouth*, in the Court-houſe, to which the People flocked in great Numbers, and behaved ſoberly; and the Power and Doctrine of Truth had Impreſſion on many Hearts. On the 9th I had a Meeting at *Hampton*, and another the Day following at *Almsbury*, which was large, and thro' divine Help, a glorious and ſtrengthening Time to the Honeſt-minded, profitable to many I hope, and not to be forgot.

I had a Meeting the 11th at *Haveril*; and the next Day a large and ſolidly profitable Meeting at *Newbury*, many of the People coming in, and confeſſed to the Truth. The 14th I had a large Meeting with Friends at *Salem*, and another at *Marblehead* in the Town-houſe next Day; wherein the Lord's Power, and the Doctrine of the Goſpel, prevailed among the People to their Help. I went to *Lynn* that Night, and had a large and good eſtabliſhing Meeting there next Day.

The 17th I came to *Boſton*, and had two large and comfortable Meetings there; many People came in, and behaved ſoberly: Alſo another the Day following, to good Satisfaction, and in the Evening moſt of the Friends there, gathered to a Friend's Houſe, and we had a Meeting, which I believe was profitable; and here I took my Leave of Friends in theſe Parts.

The 20th I was at the Week-day Meeting at *Mendham*, and went from thence to *Uxbridge*, where we had a Meeting, and another the Day following with a few well-inclined People at *Ralph Earle*'s. From hence I went to *Shrewsbury*, and had a little Meeting the next Day at *Lancaſter*, with ſome who profeſſed to be Friends; and from thence I returned to *Mendham*, where I was at a pretty large Meet-

Meeting the 24th, and had ſome good Service with a few Friends in the Evening. On the 26th I had a large Meeting at *Wanſokit* in *Providence* Woods, but found many of the People very little acquainted with the Power and Baptiſm of Truth, yet the Lord God of Mercies opened my Heart, and enabled me to labour, I believe, to ſome of their Advantage, as well as to my own Diſcharge in the Lord's Service. The next Day I had a pretty open, ſerviceable Meeting at *Shanticote*, tho' Carnality was prevalent among them; and on the Day following another at *Greenwich*, indifferently ſatisfactory, thro' divine Help amongſt a barren People: I ſtaid at *Thomas Fry*'s, a generous, friendly Man, tho' not of our Community, who had alſo ſome good Children. The next Day I was at *Warwick* Meeting, and the following at a Yearly-meeting at *Providence-town*, which was large, and to ſome Satisfaction.

The 1ſt of the Sixth Month I had a large and pretty good Meeting at *Smithfield* Meeting-houſe, through heavy and faithful Labour, in divine Help: Another the Day following at *Ebenezer Woodward*'s in *Taunton*, and the next Day at *Swantzy* which was large on account of a Burial, and ſatisfactory in a good Degree, tho' the pure Life of Truth ſeems to be low there away. From hence I went to *Free-town* and had a Meeting there, and alſo at *Sandwich*, which was pretty large; and on the 9th I had a Meeting at *Mannimay*, among ſome friendly People, which was much to our Satisfaction; and another at *Baſs-pond* the next Day, and one the Day following at *Rocheſter*.

The 12th I had a large Meeting at *Poniganſet*, and the 14th, being Firſt-day, was at a Yearly-meeting for Worſhip at *South-Kingſton*, which held two Days, the Meetings being large; and the

Name of the Lord was glorioufly high, and humbly magnified on our Parts. The 16th I had a Meeting at *John Richmond*'s in *Weſterly*, a great and bleſſed Time in the Love of God; and another the next Day at *John Mumford*'s; after which we came down to the Ferry at *Conanicot*, but could not get over till the Day following, and went to the Meeting at *Newport*, where on the the 21ſt, being Firſt-day, we had two very large Meetings, to which many Friends came from diſtant Places to take Leave of me, and the Lord of all our Mercies was pleaſed to open my Heart and Mouth largely amongſt them in his Power and Counſel; and we parted with Comfort in his Love. In the Evening I had a bleſſed time with ſome Friends of the Town, in the melting Love and Senſe of the pure Preſence of our heavenly Father, who had and hath the Praiſe and Glory for all his Mercies and gracious Help. Next Morning we took a near and affectionate Leave of one another, and I ſet out for *Long-Iſland*, and landed next Day at *Oyſter-pond-point*, and came to the upper Part of *Southwold* that Night, and lodged at an Inn, where many of the Neighbourhood flocked in, and we had a ſerviceable Meeting with them.

The 24th I came to a Friend's named *John Hallack* at *Seatakit*, where we had a Meeting next Day, and came that Evening to *Bethpage*, from whence we went to the Quarterly-meeting at *Weſtbury*, which began there the 26th, the Meeting for Miniſters and Elders being held that Day, and a large public Meeting, and another for Buſineſs the Day following. The 28th, being Firſt-day, there was a mighty Concourſe of People, and the Lord our God made it a precious Time, in the Help of his Wiſdom and glorious Power. The next Day we went to *Thomas Pearſall*'s where divers Friends coming to viſit

viſit us, we had a Meeting that Evening; another at *Gowneck* the Day following, and got to the Monthly-meeting at *Weſtbury* on the 31ſt.

On the 1ſt of the Seventh Month I had a large and good Meeting, thro' merciful and heavenly Help, at *Fluſhing*, it being alſo their Monthly-meeting; and the next Day another at *Newtown*; and one in the Evening at *Richard Hallet*'s, at whoſe Houſe I lodged; and there took Leave of many Friends of that Iſland, in the Love and Power of the Lord our God. I came to *Woodbridge* in *Eaſt-Jerſey* the next Day, and on the following was at the Meeting there; and on the 5th at a bleſſed open Meeting at *Elizabeth-town*, where no Friends live, and that Night came back to *John Shadwell's*: The next Day we went up the Country to a Place called *Whippaning*, where a few friendly People live, with whom I had a precious and comfortable little Meeting, and the next Day another with a few Friends at *Lebanon*; and ſo to *Bethlehem*, *Wright's-town*, in *Pennſylvania*, and *Middletown*; at which laſt Places I had large and ſolidly profitable Meetings, and took Leave of Friends there, under the Senſe of the Power of Truth. From hence I went to *Franckfort* and had a Meeting there, and came to *Philadelphia* that Night. After ſtaying the Week-day Meeting next Day, I went over the River *Delaware*, in order to be at the Quarterly-meeting for *Glouceſter* and *Salem*, which were held the 16th, and on the 17th I returned to *Philadelphia* to the Yearly-meeting there, which continued ſeveral Days, and thro' the merciful Attendance, and bleſſed Help of the divine Goodneſs, it was made a glorious, comfortable, ſtrengthening Time, and Peace and Unity appeared eminently amongſt Friends. (*Of which he gives ſome farther Account in a Letter to me of his* Sons, viz.)

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—" As to myſelf, I am, I think, ſomewhat miraculouſly ſupported as a Creature, and am in good Health pretty generally, and expect I may be ſo diſcharged, reſpecting the Continent, as to be free to go towards *Barbados* in about two Months. The Yearly-meeting at this Place ended laſt Night; it was exceedingly large, and, upon the whole, generally acknowledged to have been very edifying, ſtrongly good and helpful in divers Ways, and very much to my Eaſe and humbling Gladneſs in the Lord our God, and never-failing Helper: And Friends in general are in a good Degree of Harmony. My Heart is nearly affected with the beſt of Love towards thee and for thee, that nothing ſhort of Rain from the divine Preſence may ſatisfy thee, for this is what only prepares the moſt acceptable Sacrifice, *a broken and contrite Spirit*, wherein is true Light and durable Joy: Thus farewel, farewel, ſaith thy nearly affectionate Father, to the beſt of my Capacity in every reſpect which I hope thou art, and often will be, profitably ſenſible of. J. F.

On the 22d of the Seventh Month (*continues the Journal*) after the Yearly-meeting was over, having ſome Concern remaining with me towards *Maryland*, I ſet out for the *Weſtern-Shore*, and went that Night to *Cheſter*, and had Meetings at *Bush-river*, near *Potapſco*, and at *Weſt-river*; where I ſtaid at *Joſeph Galloways* about two Days, viſiting ſeveral Friends Families there-away, and was at the Meeting again on Firſt-day, which was pretty large.

The 4th of the Eighth Month I had a pretty large Meeting at the *Cliffs*, wherein Truth ſolidly owned us, and enabled me to labour much to my Diſcharge of that Part of the Country. Next Day I had a Meeting at *Herring-Creek*, and took Leave

Leave of Friends there, returning again to *Joſeph Galloway*'s.

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On the 22d of the Seventh Month (*continues the Journal*) after the Yearly-meeting was over, having ſome Concern remaining with me towards *Maryland*, I ſet out for the *Weſtern-Shore*, and went that Night to *Cheſter*, and had Meetings at *Bush-river*, near *Potapſco*, and at *Weſt-river*; where I ſtaid at *Joſeph Galloways* about two Days, viſiting ſeveral Friends Families there-away, and was at the Meeting again on Firſt-day, which was pretty large.

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On the 14th I had a Meeting at *Fairhill*, wherein divine Wiſdom and Power very eminently dignified the Opportunity to our Joy in the Lord. The next Day I went to a General-meeting at *Cheſter*, which was very large and ſatisfactory; and we parted in true Love and Nearneſs in the Love of Chriſt our Lord. On the 20th I had a large Meeting at *Salem*, and was at the Quarterly-meeting there the Day following, with good Satisfaction; as alſo the next Day at the Youths-meeting, which was large, and made thoroughly ſatisfactory in diſcharging me of thoſe Parts.

The 23d I had a bleſſed Meeting with Friends at *Pileſgrove*, and the next Day was at a General-meeting at *Haddonfield*, wherein the Lord our God graciouſly owned us, and bleſſed our Meeting, giving us to part one from another in a living Senſe of his Love and Power; and his glorious Name was worſhipped and praiſed. I came that Night again to *Joſeph Cooper*'s, and the Day following to *Philadelphia*, where I ſtaid till the 8th of the Tenth Month, and had divers great and heavenly Meetings; and after a very open and ſolidly edifying Meeting, I took Leave of Friends there in much true Love and Nearneſs in Spirit, and heavenly Unity in the Lord.

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I then took Paſſage for *Barbados*, in Company with a Native of *Berytus* in *Syria* (about ſixty Miles North of *Jeruſalem*) who being oppreſſed by the *Turks*, and ſtripped of his Poſſeſſions, had been obliged to ſeveral *European* Princes for indulging him to ask the Benevolence of their Subjects. I had ſome ſatisfactory Converſation with him, which induced him to be very affectionately courteous to me, and was I believe of ſome Service to him in a religious Senſe, tho' we could converſe very little but by an Interpreter. We had a ſafe Paſſage, thro' ſome very ſtormy Weather, and landed in *Barbados* the 9th of the Eleventh Month, 1737.

From Barbados *he wrote the following Epiſtle to Friends on the Eaſtern-ſhore in* Maryland.

"Dear Friends,

"In the Extendings of the Love of Chriſt the great and bleſſed Shepherd of the Lord's Flock every where, am I concerned to remember you, and ſtirred up to write a little to you, as a tender and brotherly Salutation; and I earneſtly intreat you all, carefully and weightily to conſider, that the moſt neceſſary Concern and Work of our Day here, certainly is to ſeek for experimental Knowledge of Reconciliation to God the Father, thro' the Obedience of living Faith in the Name of Chriſt, and the Renewing of the holy Spirit; and ſo to live, walk, and labour in and with our heavenly Talent or Gift, that we ſhew forth and promote the Righteouſneſs and Purity of the bleſſed Goſpel-day, as Lights to the World, but moſt immediately and directly ſo, to thoſe of the ſame Profeſſion with us.

"And I am fully ſatisfied, that the gracious Regard of Almighty Goodneſs is a-freſh extending towards you, in order to help you, both to own and

and to live more comfortably in the Dominion of Truth in yourſelves; and to enable you in the Life and Wiſdom of Truth, to be more ſerviceable in your Families, in the Society profeſſing to be of you (ſo lamentably decaying in your Parts) and alſo to the Neighbourhood: For if the redeeming Power, and ſanctifying Life of Chriſt, the one true and bleſſed Head and Shepherd, did but ſhew itſelf and its heavenly Effects ſuitably, thro' the more knowing and more active, or chief Part of the Society, it is indiſputable with me, that the Lord's Work of gathering many to be living Stones, and building People up a living Houſe, in Order and godlike Beauty, would proſper, and recover Strength and Luſtre among you: For you would be helped to ſpeak in one Life, one Zeal, and one Language of Wiſdom, to the Joy and Comfort of the Honeſtly-minded, who ſome of them, tho' they may be at a Diſtance in divers Reſpects, yet are at Times looking for *Zion*, but cannot ſee ſuch Beauty amongſt her profeſſed Chiefs, where they have expected it to appear, as to convince them, *this is ſhe*.

" And ſome others who are lamed in Part, and depraved in Senſe, yet are not quite dead, but are now and then awakened to ſee and feel ſomething of their own dark and bewildered Condition; who if they had proper Light ſhewn them, and were ſtirred up to look wherein they have turned aſide (which is but your and all our Intereſt and Duty to be devotedly concerned for) ſome ſuch I believe would yet be gathered nearer, would be reſtored in themſelves, and would add Help and Beauty to the Lord's Family: and the Mouths of thoſe who mock and contemn the Repairers, would, in the Lord's Counſel, be ſtopped, or turn to their own Shame and Sorrow; and the ſeeming Strength of the Arm of ſuch Uncircumciſed, would appear to be

be mere Weakneſs, and like Briars and Thorns in the Way of the Lord of Hoſts.

" So, *dear Friends*, *Brethren* and *Siſters*, be rouzed up into upright Inwardneſs of Application in Soul, to have your own Hearts ſearched by the Finger or Power of God; and that its Love and Virtue may help and lead you in Faithfulneſs to labour in the Work of the Lord, that you may be fully clear of the Blood of all: And I fully believe the bleſſed Maſter-builder and great Huſbandman, will yet add a Bleſſing to your ſincere Application, both inwardly for your own Help, and to others; for his Eye is towards you for Good, and towards the Work he hath begun in your Parts.

" And I beg it may ever be remembered, particularly by the more active for Religion, either as Miniſters, or other Helps in the Government of the Church, that Exhortation, Advice, or propoſing the beſt of Rules for neceſſary Practice, are not like to produce much good Effects, if the Tincture and Savour of the Spirit of Religion and Goſpel-power do not accompany ſuch Labour, and ſhew itſelf in the Life of ſuch Perſons; for that leads into, and gives Dominion over our own Spirits and Tempers, and waſheth from the defiling Love and Spirit of this World, with its corrupting Friendſhips and ſelfiſh Views, which have hurt many inwardly, if not ſlain and laid waſte Multitudes.

" But oh! to humble, clean and enlivened Hearts, the freſh Feeling of the Life of Truth revives Faith under Difficulties and Diſcouragements, and gives both Beauty, Authority and Room, and never fails to render People really uſeful, and Helpers to repair and build up, according to the ſeveral Talents received: Nor can any Thing below this heavenly Life being felt and yielded unto make any effectually uſeful; but Weakneſs, and

Decay in Practice will ſtill follow and ſpread: For the carnal Mind, and fleſhly Wiſdom, tho' there ſhould appear ſome outward Strictneſs, will often find Excuſes for not doing one Thing, and for doing another, as beſt ſuits preſent Advantage or Pleaſure to the Creature; and hence have come thoſe numerous Diviſions, Enmities, Contentions, and Variety of Practices, Parties, and evil Liberties into the profeſſed *Chriſtian* Churches, and in Part amongſt us as a People, under which, you and the Cauſe of Chriſt in your Province ſuffer.

"However, I am perſuaded the Lord of Heaven and Earth is graciouſly mindful of you, of his Cauſe, and of many poor, inwardly diſtempered, and lamed (by their evil Luſts) amongſt you, in order to extend Help, and to make you Helpers one to another, thro' Holineſs of Life, and wiſe and living Zeal; and therefore, *dear Friends*, be encouraged in labouring to live, to exhort, reprove, invite and provoke to Love as Occaſion may offer, with *Chriſtian* Diligence, and without Partiality: So will Light yet break out from Darkneſs, and the darkening, reaſoning Spirit of this World, will gradually be ſilenced, and the Teſtimony of Truth, in its ſeveral antient and holy Branches, be again ſeen clearly, as they are the Fruits of the Life and Light of the everlaſting Goſpel; and will be borne openly and faithfully for Chriſt's Sake: And thus you, as his Children, will be abundantly more honoured and owned with his living, glorious, healing and ſtrengthening Preſence: And ſo inward Salvation, outward Fruitfulneſs in Righteouſneſs, with freſh Anointing, and raiſing up of helpful Inſtruments for various Services in the Church, and the good of Mankind, will yet again grow among you, to your Joy and Honour, and to the Glory and Praiſe of the unchange-

changeable, holy Lord God Almighty, ever worthy to be loved, feared, obediently truſted in, and magnified for ever. Thus, *dear Friends*, my Soul longs for you, and the Father's Honour, and in his Name ſalutes the Living. I am your true Friend, and an earneſt Seeker of your preſent and eternal Good. JOHN FOTHERGILL.

" If I have been very preſſing and earneſt with you, and not without Danger of offending ſome, yet know ye, it is from a clear View that the Lord of Heaven and Earth, who ſees all Things and Perſons as they are in Reality, is both willing and deſirous to help and quicken you, and to repair his Work and Plantation among you in this Province; and to water and dreſs it, that it may become both more comfortable in itſelf, and more beautiful; he therefore uſeth various Means to encourage you to ſeek the Lord in good earneſt, to know him to work in, for and with you, for that great End, to prevent greater Deſolations and Forſaking, which is like to overtake you, thro' the Rebellious and Negligent, to more Scandal and Sorrow of Heart.

" I am now clear, and beſeech that you may make proper Uſe of this and all other Favours, both in thinking of it carefully, and ſpreading it as may be judged neceſſary; and I ſeem rather moved with Deſire that this, or a Copy of it, may go to Friends over the *Bay:* Tho' at preſent my Hope ſeems weak of ſome, of their regarding any Thing that may be for their effectual Help. But the unchangeable God, his holy Truth, and faithful Labourers in his Love and Fear, will be clear, and have Comfort in themſelves from him whoſe Ear grows not heavy that it cannot hear in any Land or Age; Glory and Thankſgiving be to hi Name for ever and ever."

Barbados, *the 23d of the Twelfth Month*, 1737.

All the Account that remains of his Viſit to this Iſland, and of his Return, we believe is contained in the following Letters *to one of his* Sons *in* England, *viz.*

Barbadas, 27th of the 11th Month, 1737.

---"I was brought hither well about Sixteen Days ago, in 32 Days from *Philadelphia*, yet do not find myſelf free to leave the Place ſo ſoon; and therefore as a Veſſel is juſt going hence for *London*, I cannot well omit writing a little to inform thee, that I am thus far on my Way, and eaſy in my Hope and Senſe of the Father's Favour.---If this Ship had ſtaid two or three Weeks longer, I ſhould have been in hopes, I might have left the Iſland with Eaſe; but I dare not, as it is: And yet it is queſtionable whether another will ſail for *England* in leſs than two Months, which is ſomewhat hard for me to think of, both in reſpect to the Unpleaſantneſs of the Place, from the extreme Heats, the ſmall Number of Friends, and the general Remoteneſs of the Inhabitants from Religion.--Tho' I am eaſy in Reſignation to All-wiſe Diſpoſal, and full of Thankfulneſs, under the bending Senſe of gracious and ſtrong Extending of Divine Good-will to many of the remote; and of fatherly, ſuccouring Encouragement to the few Spiritually-minded here.--May Rain from Heaven bedew thy Soul and Underſtanding; and cheriſh and revive the Lord's Heritage every where. J. F."

Barbados, 12th of the 2d Month, 1738.

--- "Nearly affectionate and careful Remembrance of thee, induceth me to endeavour to let thee hear from me as often as I well can in this long Abſence, which Wiſdom hath ſeen good to order; under which, for that Reaſon, I am humbly chearful in reverent Hope; and for the preſent we muſt ſubmit to be yet longer ſeparated than I expect-

expected, when I laſt wrote. No Veſſel hath ſail'd hence to any Part of *England*, that I know of, nor is likely to do ſoon for *London*, ſo that I conclude to take Paſſage in one bound for *Lancaſter*, and which intends to ſet ſail in two or three Days; being now very deſirous to be gone hence: Tho' I hope never to forget the merciful Nearneſs and Goodneſs of Truth to me here; both in affording the renewed Senſe of heavenly Life, and in preſerving my Health.---I cannot well add much, nor is much more in my Thoughts at preſent; but may ſay, that tho' this is a poor irreligious Place, yet both many of the People, and the few Friends here, are very loving and reſpectful; and I hope I ſhall leave the Place with inward Eaſe to myſelf, and Reputation to Truth. From thy truly loving Father,

J. F.

Lancaſter, 2d of the 4th Month, 1738.

DEAR SON,

"HEREBY thou wilt underſtand, I am brought ſafe to my native Land again, in which I very humbly acknowledge merciful Goodneſs and Preſervation, ſtill engaging and engaging in Love, Fear and reverent Truſt towards the moſt gracious, Almighty Lord God, of whoſe Goodneſs, Power and Mercy, there is no End. I ſtrongly intended to have came by way of *London*, had any Paſſage offered with a Probability of my reaching the Yearly-meeting; but when this ſeemed unlikely to happen, I rather choſe to come to this Place, where I arrived laſt Night, after a Paſſage of Six Weeks betwixt Land and Land, but thro' very rough hard Weather, for the Seaſon of the Year: But I was always preſerved quiet, inwardly eaſy, and ſteady in Hope. I am pretty well in Health, as well as eaſy and ſweet in Spirit; Worſhip and

Praiſe

Praiſe be to the holy Author of all Good.-- So with dear Salutation in holy living Love to my near Friends (and there are many ſuch) and to thyſelf, I remain thy ardently well-wiſhing Father,

J. F.

From Lancaſter *he went directly to his Habitation, which was then in* Netherdale, Yorkſhire, *where he was joyfully received by his Family and Friends, with humble Gratitude and Reverence to that holy Power which had through all preſerved him to their Comfort. He ſet out ſoon after for the Quarterly meeting at* York, *which was large, and attended by divers Friends from ſeveral Parts of the Nation, who were truly glad of his Preſence among them on that Occaſion, which indeed was ſolemn and edifying in many Reſpects, in a very eminent Manner.*

Whilſt he was on this Viſit in America, *he wrote the following Epiſtle to Friends of the* Quarterly meeting *at* York:

DEAR FRIENDS,

"IN the ſolid Senſe of the uniting, Heart-warming, ſtrengthning, ſupplying Love and Life, in and thro' CHRIST our Head, Lord, and Captain of all our Salvation, doth my Spirit and Heart very nearly ſalute you; and you may be aſſured, though I am drawn, by the Father of the living Family, outwardly from you, who are the moſt near Part of it to me, yet am I very often with you, in the Union of the one heavenly Power and Engager of Hearts for the Health and Well-being of *Zion*, and for her Growth in that Soundneſs and Beauty, with which God would bleſs his People and Family; and for the Proſperity of which great and good Work, our gracious God hath gathered and baptized many Spirits among you, into a deep and daily Concern; and who alſo ſuffer and mourn in Soul before the Lord,

Lord, when Things and Practices happen, and are fallen into, which weaken and ſtain, and wound Particulars, and diſhonour the Cauſe and Name of the Lord our God.

" And in this Care and Exerciſe am I ſtill with you, who thus travel for the Health and Comfort of the Flock of God, and for the Help of the Weak and Unwiſe, that the Name of the Lord may be magnified in the Earth; and in this have we Cauſe to hope and be encouraged, that divine Help, in the Senſe of our Father's Love and Preſence continues graciouſly to viſit with renewed Help, both to live and labour; and he with whom all Fulneſs dwells, doth not forſake.

" Wherefore, *dear Friends*, I tenderly intreat all who love the Lord Jeſus Chriſt in Sincerity, to hope in the divine Power and Life which ever lives, and fervently to wait for the daily freſh Anointing of it, from whence alone you, and all have, and ever muſt have, Enlargement of Life in yourſelves, whereby to live; and of Light, Wiſdom and Strength, to act any Way to good Purpoſe in God's Houſe.

" And I fully believe the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a Standard againſt the Enemy, who is at work under various Diſguiſes, aſſaulting the Work of the Goſpel, and will help the Lord's People to be more and more bright in Life, and ſucceſsful in Labour; but beſure be honeſt and true in your Lots and Poſts, both when you are collected to act in a Body, Males a-part, and Females a-part, for the Propagation of Peace and Purity, and the Beauty of Truth, and to diſcourage the Appearance and Operation of the defiling and enticing Spirit of Unrighteouſneſs; in which Work, both Male and Female ſhould be juſt and faithful to God, as well privately in Families, as more publicly in the Churches. And as you are thus faithful,

ful, you will be true Friends to the Younger and Weaker, and to one another; but you cannot be ſo, if Self and Fleſh, with its libertine Ways, be ſheltered, and ſought to be ſaved, rather than that the holy equal Line, and Judgment of Truth ſhould be extended, and have its ſtreight Way.

" And I particularly beſeech you, *my beloved Siſters*, to be encouraged and ſtirred up, humbly and with Hope to ſeek the Lord, who will be Wiſdom and Strength (for all have Need of both) and if you in Faith and Meekneſs ſeek the Lord for his Help, you will be enabled to act more ſtrongly, wiſely and ſucceſsfully in fulfilling your Part of building and beautifying the Houſe of God, to your own Comfort and Joy, in ſeeing the Father put his own Image and Life of Righteouſneſs more and more upon your Sex, and the Youth among them. And I am ſure, if the Brethren live in, and to the Life of Religion, they will both be Examples to you of Diligence in Life, in attending Meetings, and in zealous Watchfulneſs, to encourage the Good, and to admoniſh the Looſe and Diſorderly; and will alſo put you forward, and ſtrengthen you in doing your Parts faithfully.

" Thus, *my dear Friends*, do you ſeek divine Help together, and alſo in your particular Reſidences and Services; and I am fully perſuaded, the everlaſting Father of all Comfort, and of divine Light and Ability, will add a Bleſſing to the Cries and Labour of his People, and make many inſtrumental to repair and recover decaying and lean Places. But how is it very likely that the Lower, or more Feeble outwardly, ſhould do much towards ſo great a Work in many Reſpects, if the more Knowing and Strong, as Creatures, ſhould mind themſelves, and their temporal Affairs, more than the Life of Religion, and the Concerns of Truth and Righteouſneſs?

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" And you younger People of that Meeting and County, towards whom my Bowels have often moved within me in the Love of God, ſeek to have Room made in your Hearts for Chriſt, that he may reign in you, and be your Saviour and Shepherd; and he will yet more baptize you into Death to Vanity, and a Senſe of Salvation, and make you a Generation to his own Praiſe; that from Age to Age the Name of the mighty God may be great and renowned in the Earth, and in that beloved County.

" Thus, *my near Friends*, my brotherly Greeting in the Good-will of God the Father runs to you in a Manner which I hope many of you can feel; and be comforted and encouraged in the Lord and in his Service, for he is good unto his People: And you may know that the good Arm of Truth, which drew me over the Sea once more, hath mercifully helped and aſſiſted to travel and labour with Diligence, and often to humbling Comfort. I have now been at the moſt Northern Part of *New-England* where any Friends live, and hope to be at *Boſton* in about a Week, where Friends are ſomewhat increaſed, and the People civil and courteous, as they now are in many, if not moſt other Places. J. F."

This Epiſtle was dated at Hampton, *in the Eaſt of* New-England, *the 5th of the Fifth Month*, 1737, *and accompanied the following one to Friends of* Wenſley-dale *Meeting*.

" *My near and truly beloved Friends*,

ALTHO' it hath pleaſed the everlaſting Father and bleſſed Comforter of his People, to ſeparate me outwardly far from you, by the Engagings of his Love towards the Inhabitants of theſe Countries, yet his uniting Love and pure Goodneſs hath, and doth often lead my Spirit near-

ly to remember, and hiddenly to visit you, and run as it were among you from one to another, in a particular Manner, and often to breathe for your Edification in your Meetings; and in such tender and divinely enlivened Desires for your best Help and Feeding, that I could gladly have wrote something of a brotherly Salutation ere now, if I could have sent it to you when my Heart was so opened. But I have been some Weeks, and am under a fresh Nearness, and living, careful, Well-wishing for you, and your prospering in the Salvation of God, so that I just steal a little Time to write, hoping to meet with an Opportunity to send it ere Long: And herewith freely reacheth a Degree of the Love of God, thro' my Heart unto you, which Love hath often affected many of us with earnest Longing for the Help and Favour of its glorious Author and Spring: And through Faith in him that is invisible, and honest Care to be subject to the Operation of his humbling Hand, we have been gathered into a heavenly and near Relation, some nearer, and others at more Distance or behind, according as the divine Influence of the Love and Power of God in Christ hath been joined with, waited for, and cherished, in order that we might be thoroughly baptized and purged: and as this heavenly Hand and Fan of God hath been kept under and longed for in Fear, lest any Thing in us should escape or get up again, that is offensive to that pure, all-seeing Being, the Lord's Peoples true Nearness and Oneness is increased.

" *My dear Friends*, both elder and younger, who who can run and read this Language with humble Hearts before the Lord our everliving Rock and Fountain of all Good, be you encouraged humbly to hope in, and patiently, yet diligently to wait for more and more of this pure and winnowing Salvation, and you will feel almighty Goodness and Power

Power to carry on the great Work he hath begun in you, for he is well able: But where heavenly Goodneſs is with held from the Soul, and where little or no pure Acceſs in holy Stilneſs is experienced, there hath been want of true and honeſt Submiſſion to the Influence and ſifting Operations of the Love and Power of God, the one everlaſting Father of the Living; or an hiding of ſome Idols, or falling in Love with ſomething which unfitteth for drinking of the heavenly Wine; and thence comes Coldneſs towards the Purity of Religion, and Barrenneſs touching the inward Knowledge of God and his Salvation, unſeaſoned Hearts, and unſavory Language and Converſation at Times, more and more ſtupifying themſelves, and ſometimes darkening and dangerous Imaginations are followed, which ſcatter into By-way, through Inſinuations of the wicked Subtilty.

" Wherefore, oh *my beloved Friends!* I beſeech you carefully and ſteadily mind, and diligently wait for, and truſt in the inviſible and incorruptible Seed and Power, which ever lives, is ever pure, and ever ſufficient to carry on and perfect his great and glorious Work of Redemption; and is alſo well able to aſſiſt and furniſh with Wiſdom and ſuitable Degrees of Ability, for every Engagement and Service which he leadeth unto; tho' we be poor, and often Nothing but Poverty and Emptineſs, as indeed we ſhould be, till divine Life and Goodneſs ſpring in again, for which, quiet and awful Attendance is our Duty. And thus the holy almighty Workman will be with, and operate in his his own Family; and as we lean towards him truſtingly, in pure Deſire to be helped to follow him uprightly, we ſhall not lack, nor ever be confounded.

" *Dear Friends,* my Life in Chriſt, the one living Head of all the World over, is often with ma-

ny of you in a rejoicing Manner, and in ſtrong Deſires that you may all feel it more and more to waſh and fill you, and ſo give you to drink into the one Spirit of Truth and heavenly Unity.

" And the Elder among you, while a little of Day remains, may heartily ſeek to be redeemed, redeemed; a great, but abſolutely neceſſary Work, for Time is but ſhort to many: And let the Younger carefully ſeek that true Godlineſs, which the Touches and Winnings of divine Love would incline and lead all to: For this is the only infallible Way to Bleſſedneſs here, and for ever; as alſo to be fitted for Service every Way, as well as to Honour and true Eſteem among Men. Thus may the Love of God, and the Power of his Chriſt, prevail with, and fill you more and more. *Amen.* And may know I am not diſcouraged from hoping I may be favoured to ſee you and my native Country again; divine Love led me from you for the Lord's Cauſe-ſake, and hath been near to direct and ſupply with Aſſiſtance, as much to my humble Admiration and bowing my Soul in Thankfulneſs, as in any Part of my Life, and I believe to ſome Service to others; the great Being of all Power hath the Glory, for he alone is worthy: And tho' I have been helped to travel very diligently, and to a good Degree of Diſcharge, yet ſo much is yet before me, that I expect not to ſee *England* in leſs than Ten Months, if my Life be prolonged; but I am given up freely in Deſire to the Father's Will, if he will but plainly lead and help. Now, in ever-living and pure Love, and ſtrong Deſires for all your Salvation and beſt of Comfort, in and thro' free Acceſs to the Father of Might and Mercy, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, where we have alſo to worſhip livingly; I once more ſalute you, and remain your truly loving Friend and Brother to the living in *Iſrael*, J. F."

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To these Epistles it may not be improper to subjoin the following Testimonials of his Labours and Travels in the Ministry in these Parts of America, *in a Certificate from Friends there to the Monthly-meeting of* Richmond, *of which he was then a Member. It is selected from many others which he brought from divers Places, as it seems to be the most comprehensive of the peculiar Nature of his Labours and Services,* viz.

To our Friends *and* Brethren *of the Monthly meeting of* Richmond, *in* York-shire, *or, where else this may come.*

"WE salute you in the Love and Fellowship of the Gospel: And whereas our worthy Friend and Elder *John Fothergill*, hath been concerned now in his advanced Years, to undertake a third Visit to these Parts of *America*, in the Service of the Gospel; and with great Diligence, sincere and hard Labour, for the Honour of God, the Good of Souls, and the Discharge of Duty, hath travelled thro' near, if not all the Meetings of Friends in *New-England*; in which Service the Lord hath been pleased to own and enable him, in an eminent Manner, not only to point out, and shew to the Children of Men, their spiritual Maladies; but also most clearly to direct, and movingly to invite, unto Christ the *Physician of Value*, for a sure and certain Cure, greatly to the Relief of the Oppressed, and Rejoicing of those who are concerned for *Sion*'s Prosperity. His Deportment and Conversation being also weighty and edifying, adorning the Service and Station whereunto the Lord hath appointed him; wherefore the Faithful have dear Unity with him, and sincerely desire his future Preservation every way, that in the Lord's Time he may be conducted home to you and his Family in Safety, with Sheaves of Peace in his Bosom.

"*Signed*

Signed at and in Behalf of our Quarterly-meeting held on Rhode-Iſland, *the 13th of the Eighth Month*, 1737. By Forty-ſix Friends.

In the Year 1739, *when the Winter Quarterly meeting at* York, *which he attended, was over, he ſet out for* Norfolk; *which County, Part of* Suffolk *and* London, *had been before him ſome Time, yet not ſo diſtinct and clear as he moſt loved; of which he gave the following inſtructive Account in a* Letter *to one of his* Sons, *dated from* Sutton *in* Lincolnſhire, *the 3d of the Eleventh Month*, viz.

--- "Tho' I have been unuſually long without writing to thee, both on Account of having little material to adviſe of, and being under ſome uneaſy Uncertainty about my real Duty reſpecting this little Journey, which hath cauſed me more Exerciſe by Night and by Day, than many greater: Not through my own Unwillingneſs to go any where, if I may but be thoroughly ſatisfied of the Father's Mind; but from a Fear, whether Truth itſelf required, and drew to it, tho' it hath ſtood almoſt conſtantly before me much of the Time ſince I have ſaw thee: But I longed for more clear, living Engagement; that even after the Time which ſeemed to be pointed out was come, I got not to a full Concluſion till about three Weeks before I came away. In this Unſettledneſs I was backward in writing, and when I came to a Concluſion, my Time was much employed in leaving Matters ſuitable: And thus I have been toſſing in much Fear and Littleneſs, yet under, I think, an honeſt Devotedneſs; and ſo have been long, in a Sort, hid from thee;-tho I found not much Neceſſity of writing, except to manifeſt my truly tender and earneſt Longing of Soul for thee, and for thy Help in the Way of Bleſſing, which, be aſſured, is continued as honeſtly as I am capable of. I

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may further inform thee, that I hope to reach *Warwick* next First-day but one, that County, and the upper or western Parts of *Suffolk* and *Essex*, having most Place with me.--Meeting-time being come, I must bid *Farewel*, and am thy loving Father,

J. F."

After having visited the Counties above-mentioned, he came up to *London* the Beginning of the Month following, and staid therein visiting the Meetings of Friends in and about the City during several Weeks, to the Help and Encouragement of many, and the faithful Discharge of his Duty. He returned by *Uxbridge*, *Jordans* and *Wiccomb*, at which Places he had pretty large Meetings, and to some Advantage, tho' attended with deep Labour, yet with humble gladdening Help: From these Parts he went directly home, where he arrived in Health and Peace.

He attended the Quarterly-meeting at *York* in the First Month following, where his Company was, as usual, acceptable; as his Example was helpful and edifying, both in Meetings and out of them.

Tho' under very great Weakness as to Health, he came up to the Yearly-meeting in *London* in the Year 1740, and it being the first after his Return from *America*, according to the general Practice of Friends, and at the Desire of his Brethren, he gave a concise and instructive Account of his last Visit to those Parts, the State of Friends, the Increase, of the Society in some Places, and its declining State in others, with the Causes which had most obviously contributed thereto. He observed, that as the Elders of the People were preserved in Freshness and Zeal, under a diligent Care for the Growth of spiritual Religion, Truth increased, good Order was preserved, the Discipline kept up, and the Youth in many Places tender and hopeful. On the contrary, where those who

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were of the firſt Rank, both in reſpect to Age and Situation of Life, declined in their religious Care; where the Spirit of this World ſuppreſſed the tender Deſires after Riches of a durable Nature; there Weakneſs, Diſorder and Unfaithfulneſs, was too obvious, and a daily Decay of real Piety as well as of Numbers, prevailed, to the Grief of the Honeſt-hearted, and the Loſs of thoſe who unhappily ſuffered this corrupting Spirit to take Place. He pointed out in a clear Manner, the different Parts where theſe Effects appeared, with that deeply affecting Sorrow which pierced him, when amongſt thoſe whoſe Conduct occaſion'd it.

This Summer, being engaged in ſome little domeſtic Affairs, he was not much abroad long together, tho' he attended ſeveral diſtant and large Meetings in his own County; often remembring his abſent Friends and Children with true Affection, and manifeſting his Care for their trueſt Intereſt; one of whom he writes to in the following Manner, --" But above all, my longing is for thy ſpiritual Acceſs, and Enlargement in the heavenly Paſtures, under the Leading and Putting-forth of the one heavenly Shepherd, which I ſtill hope, as well as often humbly breathe for on thy Account, being well ſatisfied of thy ſincere Deſires; which if properly retained, and carefully cheriſhed on thy Part, I cannot but comfortably hope, heavenly Help will mercifully regard; ſo be it. *Amen.*"

And in another Letter to the ſame, dated the 27th of the Tenth Month, 1740, he has the following memorable Expreſſions:

"I have been and am, thro' merciful Favour preſerved in uſual Health, and attended with beſt Peace and Comfort in our heavenly Father's Goodneſs; tho' in the manifeſt Appearance (as I have often looked at it many Months) of a *ſevere threatning time of Diſtreſs, in divers Caſes, to this Nation*; and

and if we be not quickened and excited hereby to Diligence, in ſeeking to lay hold of eternal Treaſure, the Love and Favour of the bleſſed infinite Rock and Fountain of all Good, we ſhall be more inexcuſable than others of Mankind who know not ſo well and clearly where and how to ſeek Happineſs and Refuge indeed; which I often inwardly long and breathe in Spirit we may lay ſuitably to Heart. But after this little Hint of what is much with me, I ſhall take Notice of ſome of thy Remarks on thy late Journey (into *Holland* and *Germany*) and firſt tell thee, thy Account of thoſe People called *Menoniſts*, and *Moravians* (as I ſuppoſe they call themſelves) exactly agrees with my ſecret and ſettled Idea of them both; for I believe both, and the Latter eſpecially have had, in ſome Meaſure, their Eyes opened; but they ſet Man to work to form, and imitate Religion, and to build without digging properly to find the Rock: Yet many from their pious Intentions make a Shew for a Time, and ſome Good may turn out of it: But it is a Mattter to be lamented (as I have very often thought) that there ſhould be, as it were an univerſal and continued Propenſity prevailing amongſt the *Germans* eſpecially, to run away with Speculation; and thereby ſo many valuable Springings, and Glimpſes of the heavenly Day, ſhould have yet brought forth or produced no more durable Fruits, in experiencing Salvation in Reality. But it ever will be true, *No following Chriſt acceptably, without ſubmitting to the Croſs*; which hath always ſeemed to me to be the Places, at which that Country-People in particular, as almoſt all Nations in general, have miſcarried.----May the Plough of God take more effectual hold amongſt them, is my Heart's Deſire: And may this Conſideration ſtrengthen thee in fearing and even loathing a Sort of living and delighting in, or being at Eaſe in

barren Speculation, even of beſt Things or Principles; but be ſtill more and more animated to ſeek daily Bread from the everlaſting Father's own Hand, who will hear and anſwer in due Time the Sincere and Patient, tho' hidden Criers for it; and thereby ſuch will grow in the living Root, and bear Fruit in due Seaſon, to the Father's Praiſe and Honour. I ſalute thee with this Breathing freſh upon my Soul for thee, which hath been often with me, when by my long Silence I have ſeemed almoſt to have forgot thee."--

In the latter Part of the Year 1741, he viſited Friends in ſome of the Northern Counties, travelling through the Biſhopric of *Durham*, and ſome Parts of *Northumberland*, from thence into *Cumberland* and *Weſtmoreland*; of which Journey, all the Account that remains, is contained in the following Letter to a Relation, wrote ſoon after his Return, dated the 6th of the Ninth Month, 1741, *viz.*

----"I cannot loſe Hope, nor almoſt full Expectation, but that the divine Power, which can do all Things, will one Time or other mercifully help thee, if thou labour'ſt in Watchfulneſs and Patience to look to him for Salvation in true Diligence, ſincere Reſignation, and holy, humble Truſt; and that he will refine thro' various Manners of Dealing, and diſtreſſing Diſpenſations, his beloved Sons, whom he would make choſen Veſſels in his Houſe: And with ſuch an Eye, I believe he hath looked upon thee, ſomewhat like as upon *Jacob*, when a Stone was his Pillow; yet the Lord of all Power and Majeſty was in that Place, though *Jacob* knew it not. And ſo have ſome others been made Witneſſers, that he in Mercy and gracious Goodneſs, was even working in and near us, when ſometimes the Heavens ſeemed like Braſs,

Braſs, and the Earth like Iron, and Fear and Sorrow ſurrounded: Thus he hath, and will winnow and refine, and will ſhew that none elſe can ſave; and yet that he forſakes not thoſe, who would have no other God but him, the ever-living all-powerful One, everlaſtingly worthy to have all our Hearts, and to be truſted in, waited for, and praiſed for ever. A Meaſure of his glorious Love and Mercy covers my Heart at this Time, and bows my Spirit in humble Worſhip to his moſt worthy Name: But I cannot expreſs like many others, according to my Views, and muſt therefore leave what I have hinted for thee to gather the Subſtance, as thou art capable. I am as well in Health, thro' merciful Support, as I have been many Years, and was favoured with Help from the beſt Hand in the little Journey through the Northern Counties, to as much humbling Gladneſs in the Lord, as I have almoſt ever known; tho' we met with ſeveral afflicting Caſes, beſides the common Heavineſs, or want of proper Hunger, which is more or leſs almoſt a general Hurt.---I ſaid *we*, above, for I had the Opportunity of the good Company of *Michael Lightfoot* moſt of the Time."-----

He continued at home during the Winter, except attending the Quarterly-meeting at *York*, which when able, and not engaged in other Services, he ſeldom miſſed; but Travelling now began to be very difficult and painful to him, from a conſtant and ſharp *Stranguary*, the too frequent Companion of advancing Years, and the Effect of an unwearied Diligence in travelling.

In the Spring of 1742 he found himſelf engaged to pay a Viſit to Friends in *Oxfordſhire*, and after he had diſcharged this Service, he came up once more to the Yearly-meeting in *London*, where inupon divers Occa-

ſions, he manifeſted the ſame living, holy Zeal, under the Conduct of heavenly Wiſdom, for the Proſperity of Truth and Righteouſneſs, which had often been conſpicious in him on theſe ſolemn Occaſions. In the ſame Year he viſited Friends in *Ireland* once more: This Concern had long remained upon him, as he expreſſes in a Letter, *as a Debt to that Nation:* He left no farther Account of this Journey, than of the Places where, and the Times when he had Meetings; it may however be remarked, that even at this Time of Life, and under great bodily Infirmity, his Care was as great as ever, that his Miniſtry might be as little burthemſome to Friends as poſſible; for it appears from the Account he kept, that he was at upwards of Sixty Meetings in about eleven Weeks, and travelled in the ſame Space of Time above 670 Miles: He intended to have communicated to a Friend a more particular Account of this Viſit, and of the State of Friends in that Kingdom, but was prevented by Indiſpoſiton, and other intervening Services. The following Paſſages from ſome Letters wrote in this Journey, will not perhaps be altogether unacceptable.

---"My Hands and Thoughts (*ſays he in a Letter to a Friend ſoon after he ſet out*) have been buſy in haſtening to diſcharge myſelf of this Debt to *Ireland*, and I now hope for a Paſſage thither, the firſt ſuitable Wind.--I am but in a low and heavy State of Mind, and ſhould be very doubtful of being helped to live and act properly; but that a Grain of Faith is preſerved; which hath heretofore often ſtaid my Mind in patient waiting, till merciful Supply of Food, and Ability to labour again, hath been experienced from the all ſufficient and only rightly relieving Hand; and here is my Center in reverent Truſt, where, as we endeavour ſteadily to keep, duly attending for freſh Help that we may be

be what we are, thro' the Grace from on High, I believe we ſhall not be neglected or forgotten of the all-knowing Fountain of every good Thing."

And in another Letter from *Dublin*, to one of his Sons:

--- "Thro' merciful Support, I am as well, I think, as when we parted, though as I ride in Pain, more or leſs, it occaſions ſome Fear, but doth not much deject me, becauſe hitherto I have been helped along thro' Difficulties, in the Father's Drawings, above reaſonable Expectation; and I am comfortably encouraged to hope in that ſupplying Hand in every Reſpect.-May'ſt alſo know, that as the Time I had thought of came near, I became ſo loaded, that every domeſtic Concern was almoſt uneaſy to me: I came by *Warrington* and *Sutton*, but was forced to ſtay three Days at *Cheſter* for Wind; I had a good and eaſy Paſſage, and came hither on Third-day Morning, to Part of Friends Meeting, to my own and ſome others Comfort."---

He ſtaid here till after Firſt-day, and then went towards the Southren Parts, and to *Cork* in about three Weeks; and ſo to *Mountrath*, from whence he wrote the following Account.

--- "I have kept cloſely ſtirring along and much employed to anſwer the End of my coming, as diligently and honeſtly as I knew how; which thro' continued merciful Help and renewed Supply, hath been hitherto as well, or rather better borne as to the Body, as well as in the chief Reſpect, than I dared to hope for: And I am thus far thankfully eaſy on my own Part, tho' thro' deep Labour, and at Times much Sorrow; yet I am glad I am here, becauſe of the bleſſed Favour of Help to pay this Viſit; and alſo in that I am ſenſible of the ſtrong

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Extendings of gracious Regard to this Nation, and even that the Dead may hear, and be made to live.

"I have been round the Southern Parts, and am now near the Middle, going Northward; and hope to be at *Dublin* at the Half-year's Meeting, and have ſome Expectation that I may be clear by that time to return."---

And ſoon after he got home, he wrote to the ſame Perſon, that 'He was thankfully eaſy for gra-'cious Help, thro' his late Journey, on divers Ac-'counts.' And often ſaid, 'It was like removing a 'Weight from his Shoulders.'

After his Return, he continued much about home, viſiting the neighbouring General-meetings, and attending the Quarterly-meetings, as his Health, which daily grew more precarious, permitted. The Winter proving very inclement, it injured his Health ſtill more, and prevented him during great Part of the Spring from going abroad: His Care nevertheleſs for the Proſperity of Truth, was as freſh as ever, his own inward Strength being graciouſly renewed, as he often expreſſed with reverent Thankfulneſs to thoſe about him, as well as occaſionally to his abſent Family; for whoſe Preſervation and Increaſe in divine Experience, and ſteady patient Progreſs in the Paths of Humility and Dependance, his Soul was often moſt deeply engaged.

In the Sixth Month of this Year he attended the General-meeting at *Pickering* in the County of *York*, to which he got with ſome Difficulty; but as he mentioned in a Letter wrote in his Return home, he was ſoon ſatisfied in the Meeting in himſelf for the Journey. Theſe Meetings which are held once a Year, are commonly very large, and held in an open Place, to which ſome Thouſands of the the neighbouring People reſort, and at this Time many

many of them behaved attentively, tho' it is not always, that ſo much can be ſaid in their Behalf.

He continued very weak during the Winter of 1743, going but little abroad, and ſcarce being able to converſe much with Friends, who came to ſee him at home, without feeling great Weakneſs afterwards, but his Fervour of Mind towards the beſt Things decayed not, nor diminiſhed in the leaſt. About this Time writing to a Friend, he ſays, 'That tho' he was more than a little afflicted in Body, 'yet he was not forſaken of the everlaſting Helper.' And ſoon after to the ſame, in the following lively and affecting Manner, *viz.*

"The *Chriſtian* Affection accompanying thine, affords me more comfortable Satisfaction than I can deſcribe, or thou can'ſt well conceive; but it is to be conſidered as the merciful Operation of the all-knowing, all-good and bleſſed Power, bringing into a Capacity of more helpful Oneneſs and Sympathy than bare Nature can do, and humblingly ſtrengthens both Fear and Hope in his Arm for Help and Preſervation in his Way, thro' what is yet before us here: In a renewed Conſideration, and a Degree of the Senſe of his manifold Mercies, and Fatherly Regard and Succour hitherto, my Heart worſhippeth his Name, and greets thee in Love and living Well-wiſhing."

During this Confinement at home, purſuant to a ſecret Inclination of his own, ſtrengthned by the Requeſt of his Children and divers Friends, when Health and Opportunity permitted, he wrote that Part of the Journal which the Reader has been acquainted was finiſhed by himſelf, and continued adding to it by little and little, till within a few Weeks before his Death, He got with ſome Difficulty to the Quarterly-meeting at *York*, and was enabled to bear the Fatigue, and long Sitting in the Meetings for Buſineſs, beyond his Expectation, as he intimated

mated to one of his Sons, in a Letter wrote ſoon after; Part of which it may not be improper here to inſert, as it is another Indication of his deep Gratitude to Heaven, and the holy Awe, which accompanied him in all Things.-" Thine, *ſays he*, was very acceptable, being accompanied with a Reliſh of religious as well as natural Love and Nearneſs, which both comforts at preſent, and encreaſeth reverent Truſt in and Regard to the almighty Source of all our Good and true Help; who hath hiddenly, yet mercifully cared for us many Ways, and requires our Conſideration as ſuch, in order to encourage and inſtruct, in humble Confidence, yet with Watchfulneſs towards him, that he may be our Shepherd, thro' Time, and his glorious Name may be renowned here and for ever. Bear with me, *dear Son*, in thus reaching towards thee in the living Senſe of his Mercy; the ſtaying Comfort whereof is highly worthy of our ſecret Notice, and ſometimes our ſolid Commemoration."

In the Spring, 1744, he found himſelf engaged, tho' very weak in Body, to ſee Friends once more at their Yearly-meeting in *London*, being accompanied by our antient Friend *Boſwell Middleton*, from whom he had a ſingular Eſteem: He came by *Sheffield*, *Mansfield*, *Nottingham*, *Leiceſter*, and *Northampton*; at which Places he had Meetings with Friends to Edification. His Weakneſs rendered it difficult for him to bear the large Meetings for Buſineſs, nevertheleſs he attended them, and under that exemplary, reverent watchful Frame of Mind, which rendered his Company truly acceptable and ſerviceable.

He returned by *Nottingham*, where he had a Meeting on Firſt-day with Friends to his Satisfaction, expreſſing in a Letter, that 'Antient holy 'Help made the Viſit truly eaſing to him.' From hence he went to his Monthly-meeting, where

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Friends were glad to ſee him, and home to his Family at *Knaresborough*, to which Place he removed this Summer.

Having reſted a little at home, he attended the Midſummer Quarterly-meeting at *York*, which in a Letter wrote to a Friend ſoon after, he obſerves, "Was large of Friends, as well as many others not ſo called; and more ſatisfactory and edifying, than ſometimes at this Seaſon, the Buſineſs being alſo tranſacted in a very amicable Manner; *and concludes*, Tho' my Stomach will take but little Food, nor always keep that Little, which weakens the Body much; yet I think, my better Part is almoſt uncommonly ſupplied in divers Reſpects, much to my Comfort, and reviving of my Faith in the heavenly Influence, which is Strength in Weakneſs, and will be, where his only worthy Name hath the Praiſe."

About this Time it came before him to viſit Friends towards *Briſtol*; and the circular Yearly-meeting at *Worceſter* was particularly in his View, towards which Places he ſet out in the Sixth Month by way of *Marſden-Height*, and from thence into *Cheſhire*, where he viſited ſeveral Meetings, wherein as he writes to a Friend, *Truth helped and ſtrengthned him to pay ſome Debt, to his comfortable Eaſe:* From hence he came to *Shrewsbury*, where he had two Meetings, and then paſſed into *Herefordſhire*, where he viſited Friends pretty generally; and concludes with obſerving, "That tho' in this Journey his natural State was but feeble, and attended with divers Difficulties, yet he was not doubtful but he ſhould be aſſiſted, in Mercy and Favour, to diſcharge himſelf of the Debt which had ſeemed to grow and remain upon him, the Way he was going, to ſuch a Degree, as to return into holy Quiet: And, *Says he*, I ask no Queſtions farther, but to be helped to live to the ever-living Being, the little Time he

may ſuffer me to continue on this Side of the Grave." He was enabled to reach *Worceſter* Yearly-meeting, and therein to bear a noble Chriſtian Teſtimony to the All-ſufficiency of that Power which had preſerved, ſupported, and guided him in the Way that was right and well-pleaſing, in Degree, and is likewiſe able to do the ſame for all the Children of Men. From hence he went to *Briſtol* and *Bath*, viſiting the Meetings of Friends in and near theſe Places, and was helped to labour faithfully, and in much Plainneſs among them, to his own great Relief and humbling Comfort, as he often expreſſed in his Letters on this Journey.

He left *Bath* the Beginning of the Eighth Month, and travelled homewards by eaſy Journeys, having Meetings with Friends as Opportunity offered. He got home by the End of the Month, but in great Weakneſs, the Weather, having proved unuſually wet and cold, had greatly affected him; ſo that after his Return he ſeldom got abroad, but continued viſibly declining (and not unperceived to himſelf) during ſeveral Weeks, ſometimes with ſhort Intervals of Eaſe; in one of which he wrote, "That he thought himſelf ſomewhat better, and that he might put on ſome Time longer, and with leſs Miſery than he had endured the laſt two Years: yet, *ſays he*, I may be miſtaken, as my Recovery is ſo ſlow, that in a Week it is ſcarcely advanced perceptibly." And then concludes, "As I have no Dependance on human Aſſiſtance but from thee, nor any Correſpondence which affords me like Comfort and Satisfaction, I muſt beg thy frequent Remembrance, and to hear from thee as often and freely as Leiſure will permit; and be aſſured, my hearty careful Deſires for thee, in every true Good, not only is enlivened by the ſtrong Ties of Nature and Affection, but are more rivited and ſtrengthned, by many a gracious Spring of living Good-

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neſs, from the Almighty Helper of his People who have truſted in him and feared him. Thus, *dear Son*, farewel, farewel, ſaith thy affectionate Father,

J. F.

With theſe affecting Expreſſions ended a Correſpondance, which afforded the ſtrongeſt Satisfaction that any Thing in this Life could yield: The Letter was dated the 15th of the Tenth Month, from which Time he gradually declined till the 13th of the Eleventh Month following, when he peaceably expired; leaving to his Family and Friends the comfortable Aſſurance of his being gone before, to enjoy that unmixed Happineſs which is the Portion of thoſe who prefer a conſcientious Diſcharge of Duty to God, their Families, and the World, though attended with Labour, antious Care and Solicitude; to all the falſe, tho' gilded Purſuits which the Spirit of Deception throws in the Way of Mortals.

What happened in this Interval was communicated in a Letter, ſoon after his Deceaſe, by a Perſon who attended him Night and Day, with the Diligence that filial Duty, and a juſt Senſe of his Worth required, *viz.*

--- "From the Time he left *Bath* he felt himſelf gradually declining, and was very much indiſpoſed when he got home; this he attributed to the Coldneſs of the Weather, and expected, a little reſt and Warmth might tend to his Recovery; but he ſenſilby declined ever after he got home, and more than he ſeemed to be aware of.---

"He got to Meetings during ſome Weeks after his Return, and his Teſtimony was as lively and powerful as ever: He was confined within Doors about Six or Seven Weeks, and while he could bear to ſit ſo long, the Week-day Meetings were kept

in his Houſe.---In the laſt Four or Five Weeks his old Complaint, which had at times afflicted him extreamly, abated very much, and he could ſit or lie four or five Hours without making Water, and this without much Pain.---He ſeveral times expreſſed his Satisfaction and inward Peace, in having performed in his laſt Journey, ſaying, *His Shoulders were a good deal lightened by it; and was reconciled to his Grave, if he was now to be taken away; but ſhould incline to write ſomething more (by way of Journal) if the Lord ſaw meet to raiſe him once more.* I was very attentive to his Converſation, being never from him, but when I could not avoid it: When almoſt all other Expreſſions failed, he was obſerved to repeat the following, in a very fervent and emphatic Manner, viz. *Heavenly Goodneſs is near, Heavenly Goodneſs is near*; thus acknowledging to the laſt a Senſe of the Lord's Preſence. The two laſt Weeks he ſlept almoſt continually, Day and Night, his Memory and Capacity being very much impaired: He was quite in a State of Mildneſs, and the Innocency of a Child; and tho' it was ſatisfactory to ſee ſo much Sweetneſs about him, yet it was at the ſame time afflicting to obſerve his Strength and Faculties exhauſted: 'Twas the only Satisfaction I could then enjoy to do every Thing in my Power to one of the beſt of Parents, and the worthieſt of Men, tho' ſometimes the moſt cutting Affliction I ever felt, to ſee him languiſhing, and at the ſame Time not able to expreſs his Wants: The Day preceeding his Deceaſe he was reſtleſs and uneaſy, but at laſt expired very quietly, without Sigh or Groan, about Ten in the Forenoon on the Firſt day, and was buried on the Third-day following: We were favoured with the Company of ſeveral worthy Friends from divers Parts on this Occaſion, and indeed the Time was ſolemn, and by ſome never to be forgot; ſeveral lively Teſtimonies being delivered, both on Truth's

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Account, and to the Memory of ſo worthy a Man, who is gone from a Series of Pain and Exerciſes, to receive the Reward of his faithful Labours.----

A. F."

Tho' the following Letters, are without Date or Superſcription, yet as they may poſſibly fall into Hands to whom they may be of Uſe, it was thought proper to inſert them: In giving Admonitions of this Kind, he was always eſpecially careful, not to divulge to any the Errors or Faults he laboured to amend.

The *Firſt* ſeems to be wrote to the Friends of a particular County, but as no *Addreſs* remains, it is left to thoſe who are concerned to profit by it: It ſeems by the Hand not to have been written long before his Deceaſe.

"Dear Friends,

BEING often brought under ſome nearly affecting Conſiderations, reſpecting the State of the Church in your County, it hath appeared to me, there are *three Things* which are particular Hindrances to the Proſperity of Friends in the Life and Subſtance of true Religion; which I am ſtirred up to put you in Mind of with tender and brotherly Caution. The firſt is an *inordinate Purſuit of the Riches and Enjoyments of this World*; another, the *want of honeſt Care and Zeal to keep clear of, and ſtand up againſt that vile Practice of clandeſtine Trading*, which is indeed but one Effect of the Cauſe already mentioned; another Thing is, *want of due Care in all thoſe who are active and concerned in managing the Affairs of the Church, to be ſuch as truly fear God, and hate Covetouſneſs; and ſuch as feel reverently after heavenly Help to act and judge for the Lord, and not for Man.* Wherefore, as I look upon a due and right Concern upon Friends in this

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Reſpect, to be greatly conducive to the Church's Good, its Peace and building up in the holy Faith; it is freſh and tenderly in my Mind to intreat you all, carefully to conſider, that *the wiſe Man's Eye is in his Head:* And it is an everlaſting Certainty, that the right Wiſdom that enables any to act for the true Good of the Church of Chriſt, muſt be *received from Chriſt the Truth, and the Head of the Church:* And whoever ſeeks to be ordered, and to act in it, will always ſeek God's Glory, and the Suppreſſion of every Thing that is contrary to it, and without Reſpect of Perſons; and alſo to walk as Enſamples to the Flock in the Practice of Godlineſs and *Chriſtian* Self-denial. And to be thus helped, the Renewing of the Holy Ghoſt, the only true Helper, is abſolutely neceſſary to be carefully waited for; and thus would Mens Hearts and Minds be looſened from the captivating Fetters and Bias of the Earth, and ſo be rendered bright Examples to one another, ſhewing forth the Effects of true Fear towards God, in ſhunning every evil Way: And ſo would that baſe Part of Robbery be avoided with juſt Care, and teſtified againſt to the Honour of the righteous Principle of Truth, and the true Peace and Tranquility of Soul to ſuch as obſerve it be eſtabliſhed. Thus would Friends in that County proſper in the ſaving Knowledge of Chriſt abundantly more, and become more fruitful in Righteouſneſs, and more true Way-marks to the many Enquirers for the Way of Salvation amongſt you; the Love and Peace of God would more plentifully abound in you ſecretly, and unite you as profeſſed Children of one Father, which my Soul reverently and fervently begs before the Lord our God, may become your joyful Experience in an abundant Manner; ſo will you farewel indeed, to the Glory and Honour

Honour of the divine Name, which is worthy, worthy, for evermore.

J. F."

A Copy of a Letter to a Friend in the Miniſtry.

"My Friend,

"SOME Days ago, as I was riding alone, thou waſt ſuddenly brought to my Remembrance, and divers Conſiderations reſpecting thee enſued, in true Care for thee, for thy Safety and Comfort, and for the Good of the Cauſe of Truth; which Conſiderations have made ſuch Impreſſion on my Mind, as to prevail upon me to commit them to Writing. I queſtion not but the Love and Power of Truth hath had a good Degree of Prevalence in thy Mind for Regeneration, and hath begotten Love to the Lord's Work in the Earth, and ſome Engagement at Times to be active therein. Now, a ſure Way to grow right, is to have a true and watchful Care, to feel and know certainly the firſt Work, *Regeneration*, to be duly carried on, to be *crucified with Chriſt*; and ſo pure Love to Truth itſelf will grow predominant, and other Loves be buried. Then a thorough Care to attend with Patience for certain, and intelligible Requirings, and heavenly Help, upon every Occaſion of acting for Truth; thro' which humble Care, the divine Hand filleth Veſſels more and more with Food, with Light and Aſſiſtance to act according to his Pleaſure, to his Honour, and the Edification of the People in their ſeveral Stations, amongſt whom we converſe or labour.

"The farther Counſel which aroſe, and is with me (not from any Uneaſineſs on any particular Account, but for thy right Help) is, *labour innocently to be and to do what Grace would make thee, and lead thee into*; and be content with its Wages; for it

it gives or makes Way for, as much Regard and Freedom from Men, as is meet for us. Have a Care of *too much Talking and Converſation*; ſo we may better remember, that no Inconſiſtency be obſerved in it, and there may be leſs Occaſion or Room for ſinking into unprofitable Drooping or Reſervedneſs. I know it is alſo rather profitable, to be moderately concerned about ſome temporal Affairs, with inward Fear, till we become aſſured of a diſtinct Requiring to leave it.

J. F.

We ſhall conclude this Account of the Labours and Services of our dear and honoured FATHER, with ſome Teſtimonies concerning him: The firſt is taken from the Account given to the Quarterly-meeting of *York*, by the Monthly-meetings of *Richmond* and *Knaresborough*, to which he ſucceſſively belonged; the Purport whereof is as follows:

THAT though he was born of religious Parents, and religiouſly educated, yet he was made ſenſible in his early Years, that neither Tradition, outward Regularity, nor any Thing ſhort of real inward Purification of Soul and Spirit, would render him acceptable in the Sight of the Lord; he therefore gave up his Heart to him, who thro' the effectual Operation of his divine Grace, baptized and gradually purified his Spirit, and prepared and fitted him to be an uſeful Inſtrument in God's Hand, and an able Miniſter of the Goſpel of Peace and Salvation; to which Service he was called, when but young, and readily gave up, not ſuffering the Things of this World to take up his Mind and Time, but laboured diligently and faithfully therein from his young Years, to the Concluſion of his Days.

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And as by the bleſſed Teachings of the holy Spirit, he grew in Experience, both in the Myſteries of the heavenly Kingdom, as alſo of the Workings of Satan in Oppoſition thereto; ſo he was qualified, and often had to detect his Snares, and to point out the Way that leads ſafely to eternal Reſt; which he did with an holy Zeal and Fervour, becoming one who had a deep Senſe of the great Value of Souls, and the Dangers they are environed with in this State of Probation, and of the awful Majeſty of the divine Being.

He travelled much in this Nation in the Service of the Goſpel, in *Scotland* likewiſe, and *Wales*: He viſited *Ireland* ſeveral Times, and thrice he croſſed the Seas to *America*, in the ſame Service, to the Comfort and Edification of the Church, leaving Seals of his Miniſtry in many Places.---He had always a Regard to the well approved Practice of duly acquainting his Friends, and having their Unity and Approbation; and was careful to perform the Service required, with as much Expedition as poſſible, chooſing rather to ſuffer Hardſhips, than to loſe Time, or be burthenſome to Friends, *even in the latter Part of his Life, when he was attended with great bodily Afflictions.*

His Teſtimony was awakening, ſound and edifying, delivered in the Demonſtration of divine Authority; for he handled not the Word deceitfully, nor endeavoured to pleaſe itching Ears; but as he waited to be endued with Wiſdom and Power from on high, ſo he was enabled to ſpeak home to the Conditions of the People: For *he who cut* Rahab, *and wounded the* Dragon, *put a ſharp Sword into his Hand againſt Hypocriſy and Wickedneſs, and againſt ſuch as held the Truth in Unrighteouſneſs*; yet to the Afflicted and thoſe who were travelling toward *Zion*, he had often to adminiſter both ſuitable Advice and Conſolation.

He was zealouſly concerned for good Order and the Diſcipline of the Church, and was remarkably qualified for the Management of its Affairs, being of quick Apprehenſion, an extenſive Capacity and deep Judgment; and could expreſs himſelf aptly, copiouſly and ſtrongly; and as he diligently attended both Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly, and General-meetings, ſo he was of very peculiar Service in them, approving himſelf a wiſe and able Counſellor, faithful and juſt to God and Man.----

His Converſation was exemplary; being humble, ſteady and ſincere, doing the Work of an Evangeliſt, and making full Proof of his Miniſtry, in *Patience*, *Temperance*, *Vigilance*, and *Fortitude*, enduring Afflictions and uſing even the Neceſſaries of Life with Moderation. He was kind and aſſiſting to his Friends, pleaſant and helpful to his Neighbours, skilful and induſtrious in managing his temporal Affairs for the Benefit of his Family, over whom he had a true paternal Care: Being a loving Husband, an affectionate Father, as well as a faithful Friend, and a living Miniſter, and acceptable to all Sorts of People.

He departed this Life at *Knaresborough* in *Yorkſhire*, the 13th of the Eleventh Month, 1744, and was honourably buried in Friends Burying-ground at *Scotten* near the ſaid Town, the 15th of the ſame Month, aged 69 Years, having been a Miniſter near 50 Years.

The cloſe and affectionate Friendſhip that had ſubſiſted between him and our worthy Friend *John Hayward*, during great Part of their Lives, has engaged the latter to give the following Teſtimony to his Memory.

A Teſtimony concerning our dear Friend JOHN FOTHERGILL.

"AS the Memory of good Men ſhould live, we find ourſelves ſometimes engaged to hand down to Poſterity our Knowledge of them. And I have to ſay concerning our deceaſed Friend, that in his public Miniſtry he was a *Strength and Comfort to my Soul* in my early Days, as well as at many Times ſince; and I doubt not but that many others have the ſame Teſtimony in themſelves to give concerning him. And my Judgment is, that he was a living Miniſter, a Man ſhunning Applauſe, and always endeavouring to keep down Self in all its Appearances; an inward Seeker after divine Manifeſtation, a conſtant Reprover of forward Spirits, but a true Helper of the Faithful and Sincere, however weak or fearful. A Man of a ſtrong and clear Judgment, both in ſpiritual and temporal Affairs, ſteady in his own Conduct, as well as in the Diſcipline of the Church; zealous in maintaining the *Chriſtian* Teſtimonies profeſt by us, and induſtrious in his outward Affairs, when not engaged in the Service of the Goſpel: And I doubt not in the leaſt, but that *he is gone to everlaſting Reſt.*

JOHN HAYWARD."

The Peruſal of the preceeding Sheets will doubtleſs inform the intelligent Reader what Manner of Perſon he was, whoſe *Memoirs* they contain, and render any additional Teſtimony the leſs needful. His Children nevertheleſs find themſelves engaged, in Juſtice to the Memory of ſo worthy a Parent to mention:

"THAT it is well remembered by ſeveral of them, with what Eearneſtneſs he endeavoured in the yearning of Compaſſion, to impreſs

upon their tender Minds, a Regard to the divine Witneſs in their own Breaſts, often gathering them about him, placing ſome upon his Knees, the reſt ſtanding before him, whilſt he miniſtred Counſel to them, according to their Capacities, the Tears deſcending from his Eyes: Which Seaſons have often been revived in ſome of their Remembrance, on various Occaſions to their Profit.

" And as he had no greater Joy than that his *Children ſhould walk in the Truth*, ſo it was his Care to be exemplary to them therein, in all *Plainneſs*, *Temperance* and *Godlineſs*, encouraging every Appearance of Good, diſcouraging the contrary, and admoniſhing and reſtraining, as Occaſion required; watching over their tender Years with true paternal Care and Solicitude for their preſent Welfare and future Happineſs to the utmoſt of his Power.

" As he thus diſcharged his Duty towards them, ſteadily and faithfully, ſo his Conduct reached the Witneſs in their Minds, and convinced them early, that Nothing could ſo effectually endear them to him, nor entitle them to his peculiar Regard, as a ſtrict Conformity to his Precepts and Example, not only in reſpect to Plainneſs and Sobriety, but alſo in coming up in a truly religious Life and Converſation: And that his impartial Regard to Truth in the inward Parts, would lead him to treat thoſe who ſuffered themſelves to be miſled by the Deceiveableneſs of Unrighteouſneſs, with Diſregard and juſt Reproof: So that they have had at Times to acknowledge with Gratitude to the Moſt High, the Happineſs of their Lot, inaſmuch as a diligent Application of Heart to ſeek and fear the Lord, whom he ſerved continually, was the ſure Way to a beloved Father's Affection.

" And tho' his principal Endeavours were, that his Offspring might be made Partakers of that Bleſ-

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ſing which makes truly rich, the Poſſeſſion of Truth in themſelves, as the moſt excellent Inheritance; yet he was not unmindful of their temporal Good, but provided for them liberally, according to his Circumſtances, placing them in ſuch Stations in Life, wherein by Induſtry and Care, they might be rendered eaſy to themſelves, and uſeful to others.

" And tho' for a Time he had not the Satisfaction to ſee the Travel of his Soul for all his Children fully anſwered, and no ſmall Affliction attended him on that Account, yet he faithfully laboured in Bowels of Compaſſion, and paternal Tenderneſs, for the Help and Recovery of ſuch of his Family, from whoſe Conduct his Anxiety aroſe; endeavouring by the moſt pathetic Application to awake to a Change and Reformation of Heart; ſeeking by Intreaties, by Reproof, by Tears, and every Method a Heart repleniſhed with divine and fatherly Affection could ſuggeſt, the Recovery of ſuch as had ſtrayed from the Father's Fold. After a Series of painful Labour, ineffectually beſtowed, he was enabled to caſt his Care upon the Lord, who releaſed his burdened Soul from the Weight he had long borne; and we doubt not heard and beheld his ſtrong Cries, his Tears, and humble Interceſſions, and anſwered beyond his Expectation, renewing his Viſitation to them afreſh, and by his mighty Hand brought into a State of Acceptance.

" This, they think it their Duty to acknowledge, in order to ſtir up other Parents to the like Care ſo to live as to anſwer the Witneſs of God in their Children, and having their own Minds ſeaſoned with the Saviour of the Goſpel, they may ſay in Word and Deed, *Follow me as I follow* Chriſt: And ſhould their Offspring turn aſide from the Way of Purity, theſe Parents will be helped to labour for the Recovery of their Children; and if not ſucceſsfully, yet

yet it will be to their own Eaſe, in a holy Conſciouſneſs of Diſcharge of Duty.

"In all the Stations of Life his Teſtimony was confirmed and embelliſhed by a Conduct becoming a Miniſter of Chriſt, whom he ſerved faithfully, and with great Diligence, and by a daily inward dwelling with the Spring of Wiſdom, and Light, his Mind was often opened, and his Spirit ſuſtained, to ſecret Worſhip. When his Hand was upon his Labour, his Delight was in the Law of his God to meditate therein Day and Night, and to talk of his Statutes, in his Houſe to his Family, and thoſe with whom he converſed; and many Times, by a Tranſition from earthly to heavenly Things, inſtructed and edifyed the Minds of thoſe preſent.

"In his public Teſtimony awful and weighty, being endued with true Wiſdom, ſtrong and immovably bent againſt all Unrighteouſneſs, quick in diſcerning and powerful in detecting the Myſteries of Antichriſt, who has ſought to ſtupify the People with the golden Cup, and thereby to ſpread the Power, and enlarge the Borders of the Kingdom of Death. As a Flame of Fire was he to the Rebellious and Stubborn; but refreſhing as the Dew on *Hermon* to the Honeſt Traveller, miniſtring Counſel and Comfort to the drooping Soul, being not only an Inſtructor, but a Father to many: Zealous and wiſe, in the Support of the Dicipline eſtabliſhed amongſt us, impartially and honeſtly executing Judgment and Juſtice; no Family Connections (not even his own) could bias him from laying the Line upon Offenders, and from a ſteady Endeavour to keep clean the Camp of God; in which Labour he was often ſucceſsful, being made a *Terror to evil Doers*, and a *Praiſe to them that did well.*

"Thus conducted, in every Station of Life, he became honourable amongſt Men, and greatly eſteemed by thoſe of ſuperior Rank who knew him; being

being adorned with that Dignity which Truth confers on its faithful Followers: One of his Acquaintance, a worthy Magiſtrate, in a Letter to one of his Sons, ſoon after his Deceaſe, thus ſpeaks of him: 'I muſt own my Weakneſs; I could not refrain 'paying ſome Tears to the Memory of my departed 'Friend: At firſt I thought it a mournful, but af-'ter a ſhort Recollection, a pleaſing Tribute; for 'tho' Death be the Wages of Sin, yet it opens to the 'Reward of a well ſpent Life; I therefore ought 'not to mourn, but to rejoice at his receiving his '*Reward*, that *inexpreſſible happy*, and *eternal Reward* 'prepared for him.'

"*To conclude.* The mighty God who viſited him in his Youth with the Diſcovery of his ſaving Power, who thereby cleanſed him from Unrighteouſneſs and ſanctified him to himſelf a choſen Veſſel, ſupported him in all his faithful Labours by Sea and Land, covered his Head in all Conflicts, and by whom his Bow abode in Strength, became his Evening-ſong and Stay in the Decline of Life, that heavenly Goodneſs he had ever prized as his chiefeſt Joy, remained as a Seal upon his Spirit, that *he had pleaſed God, and was accepted of him.* In this, after having ſerved God in his Generation, he fell aſleep, and was we doubt not, gathered to the Aſſembly of the Juſt, to continue that glorious Employ, which was his principal Delight on Earth, to *worſhip, adore and magnify the Lord God and the Lamb for ever.*"

It does not appear at what Time the following Paper was wrote; nor whether it was ever copied and given abroad for general Service: It appears by the Hand to have been done pretty early in his Life, and moſt probably the firſt he wrote; yet as it contains divers wieighty Advices, it may ſtill have its Service, and is therefore added to the reſt, *viz.*

A Faithful Warning, ſounded in the Borders of the Camp of Iſrael.

Reader,

THE Cauſe of my ſetting Pen to Paper at this Time, is a Deſire to diſcharge my Duty to God, and to clear my Conſcience towards my Brethren in the Creation, in order to ſtir them up to Circumſpection in what relates to their Duty to their Creator, in anſwering the tender Motions of his holy Spirit given unto all Men, whereby they may come to be acquainted with God, and with his Son Jeſus Chriſt, whom to know is Life eternal: *And that thus they may come to witneſs the Lord to be on their Side, in the Day that is approaching; which to thoſe who do not know their Peace to be made with God, will be a terrible one: Fear will take hold within and Trouble without; and Diſtreſs on every Hand. Therefore,* ſober Reader, *that thou may'ſt take the* Wiſeman's *Counſel, which is, to* acquaint thyſelf with God and be at Peace, *is my hearty and earneſt Deſire, who am a Lover of thy Soul, and a Friend (according to my Power) to all Mankind.*

J. F.

DEAR *Friends and Brethren in the holy Seed,* in which our Relation ſtands, where-ever ſcattered throughout the whole World: Unto you doth the Salutation of endeared Love reach, and flows from the divine Fountain thro' my Heart at this Time; earneſtly deſiring all your Preſervation, in the continual Remembrance of the Goodneſs of God to your immortal Souls: who once were ſeeking from Mountain to Hill, and from one Profeſſion to another, as many Thouſands as good as we were are doing at this Day, and who are ſeeking the Living among the Dead, where he is not to be found.

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And oh! methinks I ſee how glad many were in that Day, that the Lord thought them worthy to come to the Knowledge of the great Myſtery, hid from Ages and Generations, and now revealed, even *Chriſt in us, the Hope of Glory:* And how willing were many in that Day, to deny themſelves, and to take up his Croſs to their own Wills and Deſires, ſo that they might obtain Favour with him, who had given his Son a Ranſom for them, altho' it was through the Loſs of all: And thus many came to witneſs with the holy Apoſtle, in Meaſure a being *crucified to the World*, and the *World to them*, by the *Croſs of Chriſt*, under which it was their Delight to dwell. Thus the Favour of God was obtained by many, which was more to their Souls, than the Increaſe of earthly Riches; and the Lord was well pleaſed with them, and delighted to honour them with his glorious Preſence, which, bleſſed be his moſt worthy Name, many Souls have good Cauſe to ſay, he was not with-held from thoſe, whoſe Care and chief Concern it has been to live to his Honour, deſiring Nothing more in this World, than that God's Will may be done by them; conſidering, that the End for which he has been pleaſed to afford them Time, Strength and Underſtanding in this Life, was that they might ſpend them to his Praiſe, and the Honour of his Name, and to walk ſo before him, as that he may delight to bleſs them in providing all Things neceſſary for them. And thus, *dear Friends*, we come to receive the Benefits, and to reap the true Advantage of the Death and Sufferings of Chriſt, who died for all, according to the holy Apoſtle's Teſtimony recited above, that *Henceforth we ſhould live no longer to ourſelves, but unto him who died for us, and roſe again:* For tho' he died for all, yet here was, and ſtill is the Danger of forfeiting, or depriving ourſelves of Juſtification by him, by li-

ving to Self, and not to him, in Obedience unto Righteouſneſs: Which my Soul earneſtly deſires may never be the State of any, whom God in his infinite Love hath given to believe in the Light of his dear Son, the Rock and Refuge of all the Righteous for ever.

And, *dear Friends and Elder Brethren*, unto whom my Heart is now opened, and deeply affected with the free Extendings of God's antient Love, whereby the Lord hath brought us to be acquainted with himſelf, and one with another; in which Love I am concerned to deſire you every one to conſider, how wonderfully the Lord has ſtood by you, and helped you thro' many Straits, and hath been Mouth and Wiſdom, Tongue and Utterance, and hath never failed in the needful Time, as you have leaned upon him, and ſtood in the Senſe of your own Nothingneſs without him: And let us ſtill remember, that without the Help and Aſſiſtance of God's inviſible Power, we are this Day as weak, and unfit as ever, to act or perform any Thing, that will either tend to the Honour of God, or the Propagation of his pure Truth, and conſequently to the Comfort of our own Souls, or Edifying the Church. Wherefore in the Conſideration of theſe Things, I cannot be eaſy, but in Reverence to God, with a venerable Eſteem for the faithful Elders, in Good-will to the Church of God, and in order to clear myſelf of that Neceſſity which remains upon my Spirit, I am willing to give forth this Caution, believing I have many Witneſſes, who will be ready to ſet their Seals to the Truth of it. Therefore, *dear Brethren*, keep near to the Lord, with whom is everlaſting Strength, and he will fill you with heavenly Wiſdom, which is firſt *pure*, then *peaceable*, *gentle*, and *eaſy to be intreated* to that which is Good; and will make your Labours and Exerciſes effectual to his Honour, the Peoples Comfort, and the Good of his Church,

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which he is bringing up out of the Wilderneſs, and has many to add to her, who are yet unwilling to come in; and for whoſe Sake the Lord has long ſpared this Nation, and hovered over it with an Eye good.

And now to you who make Profeſſion of this pure holy Principle of Truth, which God in his great Love hath revealed in you, and convinced you of, ſo that you have profeſſed to believe, that as it is obeyed and followed, it will lead to God, and yet do not ſhew your Faith by your Works, nor bring forth Fruits of Righteouſneſs, which are always the Fruits of true Faith; I am earneſt with you to conſider weightily, wherein true Religion conſiſts: Is it in a *bare Profeſſion of the Truth; a giving up the Name to God?* Or is it in *Well-doing?* In *obeying* this pure Principle of Truth we profeſs, ſo as to come to be ſaved by it, and redeemed out of the crooked Ways, and by Paths of this ſinful World? Remember *Cain*, of old; he offered an Offering, as well as *Abel*; but *Abel*'s Offering was accepted; *Cain*'s rejected: And what was the Reaſon; The Lord himſelf declares it, in ſpeaking to *Cain: If thou doſt well, ſhalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doſt not well, Sin lies at thy Door.* Thus we may ſee plainly, that true Religion doth conſiſt in *Well-doing*; falſe, in *Evil-doing*: No matter what the Profeſſion hath been or is; for it is not the *Hearer* of the Law, but the *Doer of it*, who is juſtified before God. And tho' many may be ready to ſay, *they have but little Knowledge, and can but do a Little*; and others, that *they are concerned in the World, and cannot well avoid it; nor be ſo circumſpect as they would be, or as they ſee they ſhould be*; and ſo loſe their Buſineſs, and bring Shame upon themſelves, their Families, and the Society. And here the Enemy works all Manner of Ways to keep his Hold in the Heart of Man, the Place where God

ſhould predominate. But unto ſuch as may reaſon on this wiſe, I would ſay in the Words of our bleſſed Lord; *To him that hath but Little*, if he be faithful, *more will be added*; but he who is not faithful in a Little, is not like to be faithful in much; and therefore is unfit to have it. And if the Lord in his Mercy hath brought any to the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and by the Light of his holy Spirit hath taught them what is Righteouſneſs, and what is Unrighteouſneſs, as bleſſed be his honourable Name for ever, he has done to many, they will be inexcuſable: And he hath promiſed unto thoſe who ſeek the Kingdom of Heaven, and his Righteouſneſs, that *All other Things ſhall be added*, as he ſees meet: Now thoſe who know what is Righteouſneſs, and do not purſue it, how can they expect the additional Bleſſing in this World? Or what juſt Foundation of Hope have they, to enjoy that glorious Habitation which God the Lord has prepared for the Righteous only when this World to them is at an End? Which if they are deprived of, the Loſs is diſmal indeed, and which all the Riches a Man can poſſibly acquire, can never make up. To all therefore who are in any Meaſure ſenſible of the Requiring of God, through the Spirit of his Son, by whom he ſpeaks to his People, according to the Author of the *Hebrews*; methinks a Warning, in the pure Love of God ſounds aloud thro' my Heart to come away and meet the Lord, who hath long hovered over you; and be rouzed up to Zeal and Circumſpection, while Time is offered unto you; and it runs through my Soul in great Dread and Fear towards God, and Love to the whole Univerſe to ſay on this wiſe, *That as ſure as ever Chriſt wept over* Jeruſalem *in antient Days, becauſe he would have gathered them together, as an Hen gathereth her Chickens under her Wings, but they would not; ſo ſurely he mourns over the Inhabitants of this Nation, at this Day;*

Day; whom, in his tender Love, he hath brought in ſome Degree to be acquainted with the Spirit of his Son, even the Spirit of Truth, which as it is followed, leads into all Truth, and out of all Error and Untruth. Thus gathering Peoples Minds into Covenant with their Maker, and into one Spirit, whereby they become Sheep of one Paſture, Children of one Father, and often are fed as at one Table; which the good Shepherd is daily ſpreading for thoſe who follow him with all their Hearts, as well as in Profeſſion: A Senſe of his Goodneſs to his faithful Followers at this Time affects my Heart in ſo ſtrong a Manner, as that Praiſes ſpring in my Soul to him, the divine and inexhauſtible Ocean.

But ſtill, *my Friends*, methinks I would expoſtulate a little with you farther on this Subject; I mean concerning *Jeruſalem*, whoſe Inhabitants our Saviour ſo often would have gathered: It does not appear, but that as they were a People of one City, ſo they were of one Profeſſion, and yet wanted to be gathered; let us ſeriouſly conſider what was the Reaſon of it: Their Minds, their Affections, wanted to be gathered into Covenant with God, and into Obedience to his holy Spirit, whereby they might have been led thro' the outward Ceremonies, into that which was within the Veil; and for want of a Willingneſs to be thus gathered, they came to a miſerable Diſappointment; *the Things that belonged to their Peace, were hid from their Eyes*. Now, in the Fear of God, I deſire all you who are making Profeſſion of the precious Truth, ſeriouſly to conſider, how far your Minds are gathered by it, and whether your Wills are ſubjected thereby unto the Will of God, and brought into Covenant with him; or you are gathered in Name only, and your Minds are at liberty to wander in the World, and after the Things thereof, in an inordinate Manner; which the Lord takes Notice of, and beholds with

a dreadful Countenance; the Senſe whereof doth make many poor exerciſed Souls to lay themſelves as in the Duſt, before the Lord, on the Behalf of ſuch, being ſatisfied that the Day of God is haſtening on apace, wherein all Coverings will be found too narrow, that are not of the Spirit of Truth. Haſten therefore to come under its Government, all you who are making Profeſſion of it; that ſo in this ſhattering Day which is approaching, you may be of thoſe who have a Right to fly to the Name of the Lord, which was, and is, and ever will be, a Place of Refuge to the Righteous. For methinks I hear, as it were, the Noiſe of a Day near at Hand, wherein it will be ſaid to the Righteous, *Be righteous ſtill*, and to the Filthy, *Be filthy ſtill:* Let all therefore be rouz'd up to the Work of Sanctification, thro' the Operation of the Power of Truth, while it is called *To-day*; this my Soul and Spirit doth deeply travel for, my Heart being filled with true Love and Good-will unto all Men, deſiring nothing in this my preſent Exerciſe, but that God's Will may be done by me; and that his Love may be embraced by all, in laying Things rightly to Heart, and turning from the Spirit of this intangling World, which is in danger to hinder you, if tampered with, from coming up in that Zeal and Courage, and Boldneſs, that God would furniſh you with, as you give up freely to his Work. And indeed *Friends*, here is great Need of Faithfulneſs, and Zeal in Practice, and cloſe Diſcipline, in maintaining and managing the holy and good Order, which God in his great Wiſdom hath inſtrumentally eſtabliſhed amongſt us; and that in the Authority and Wildom, which the Lord is endowing his waiting People with, whoſe ſecret Labour it is, *that* Zion *may become the Glory of Nations*, Jeruſalem *the Praiſe of the whole Earth.*

And *dear Brethren and faithful Siſters*, whoſe Exerciſe none know but the Lord alone, tho' you can

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in Meaſure ſympathize one with another, and you mourn ſometimes becauſe the Work is heavy, and but few who are willing faithfully to join, and put their Shoulders to it, yet be not diſmayed nor diſcouraged; the Lord is able, and alſo willing, in his own Time, to ſend forth more Labourers into his Harveſt, and he will bleſs your Exerciſes to you, and grant you to ſee the Fruits of your Labours, to your unſpeakable Joy; this is my Faith, and herein is my Soul often borne up above cloſe Exerciſes, believing the great and powerful God is deſirous, that *his Camp ſhould be cleanſed:* For it ſeems to me, that there are Abundance of People who are not of our Society, who will confeſs to the Truth in Words, and have their Eyes very ſtrictly upon us, to ſee if our Actions agree with our Principles, and our Conduct anſwers the Profeſſion we make. Therefore, *dear Friends,* join Hand in Hand, and ſet Shoulder to Shoulder, and go on in the Name and Fear of the living God; his Power will be with you, and his Angel will be your holy Companion: And as you thus keep in the gentle and meek Wiſdom of God, that which would ſeem to obſtruct and withſtand the Work of Truth, will be made to fly before you: *So will the Mountain of the Lord be eſtabliſhed above all other Mountains, and his Hill be exalted above every Hill; many ſhall flock unto it; and the Name of the Lord ſhall become more and more famous in the Earth*; which that it may be, the Souls of a little Remnant deſire more earneſtly, than to ſee the Increaſe of any viſible Thing.

A tender Viſitation of endeared Love, flowing from the divine Fountain, towards the whole Flock and Family of God, wherever ſcattered. From one who is a Lover of Souls, and a Tarveller for the Welfare of *Zion*.

JOHN FOTHERGILL.

My Bowels, my Bowels; I am pained at my very Heart; my Heart maketh a Noiſe within me; I cannot hold my Peace, becauſe thou heardſt, oh my Soul, the Sound of the Trumpet, the Alarm of War, Jer. iv. 19.

UPON the 24th Day of the Eleventh Month, 1699, as I was walking ſolitarily to our Week-day Meeting, and pondering in my Spirit, as at many other Times, upon the Things that belong to the Welfare of the Church of God, there fell a weighty Concern upon me to viſit Friends with this following Epiſtle; and finding a Neceſſity to remain upon me, in the conſtraining Love of our heavenly Father, I do hereby ſalute you all who in any Meaſure are come to taſte of the good Word of Life (which is even ſo near as in the Mouth and in the Heart) and of the Powers of the World to come.

DEAR FRIENDS and BRETHREN,

DWELL, I beſeech you, in a Senſe of the great Need you daily have of renewing of this Taſte, and in Remembrance of God's inexpreſſible Love to your Souls, in diſcovering unto you the Way of Life; even unto you who ſat in Darkneſs, and under the Region and Shadow of Death, now is Light ſprung up, according to Scripture-teſtimony; and as you have walked in this Light, the Light of the glorious Son of God, which has ſhined as from on high into your Souls, you have come to behold the Baits and Snares of your

your Souls Enemy, ſo that many have been made to pour forth their Souls to God, in a Senſe of the Need they were in of a Saviour, and of his having heard them in an acceptable Time, granting them Ability to eſcape the Evils they had been overcome with, and giving them Victory over that which had been Maſter over them: and thus many have been made Conquerors, and more than Conquerors, thro' him who hath loved them; thro' whom, not only inward, but even outward Enemies, have been in a great Degree ſubdued, and made willing to be at Peace with them. This hath been the Lord's doing, and indeed it it marvelous in the Eyes of many to this Day; and I have Faith to believe it will never be forgotten by them: But it is their chiefeſt Concern how to demean themſelves ſo, as that they may anſwer the great Love of God to their Souls, not in the leaſt doubting, but as they thus live, all Things in this Life will be added, as the Lord ſees convenient.

My Heart is filled with the Aboundings of God's Love towards you, *my dear Friends*, who are thus concerned, and herein I can dearly ſalute you, with the Knee of my Mind bowed to the Lord Jehovah, in whom is Safety, that he may preſerve you ever mindful of him, and low before him, waiting, as at his Footſtool, to hear the gracious Words that proceed from him; conſidering, that of yourſelves, and without him, you can do Nothing that will further the great Work which he hath called you to be engaged in.

And thus as we all keep in Self-denial, and under the daily Croſs, the Croſs of Chriſt, which the Apoſtle ſaid, *Was to them that are ſaved, the Power of God*, 1 Cor. i. 18. we ſhall dwell under his Power, and the Operation of the Spirit of Truth in ourſelves, and be made inſtrumental in the Hand of the Lord, in our reſpective Places and Offices in the

Church, every one conſidering, what his Duty and Station in the Body is: For if we are Members of the Church, we have each one ſome Service in it, either greater or leſs; and that all who profeſs themſelves to be of her, may be ſtirred up to conſider what this is, and to be diligently engaged in performing it, to work while it is called To-day, before the Night comes, wherein none can labour, am I at this Time concerned: That ſo the End, for which the Lord reached unto us, and viſited our Souls, may be anſwered by all to Honour and our Comfort. And I cannot but earneſtly deſire, that all may be rouzed up faithfully to purſue after this Point, in this Time of Peace and outward Quiet (if it pleaſe the Lord to lengthen it out to you as yet a little longer) that when we are called to account, we may ſo have numbered the Favours and Mercies of God to us, as to be able to give up our Accounts with Chearfulneſs.

And oh! what ſhall I ſay or write that may prevail upon you, whom God hath been pleaſed to call by his Grace, and to reveal his ſaving Truth in you; how ſhall I prevail upon you, to ſhake yourſelves from the Duſt of the Earth, and come away in Faithfulneſs and Obedience to your Call, in Zeal and Boldneſs for your heavenly Captain; and no longer to confer with Fleſh and Blood, nor reaſon with the Spirit of the World, which hinders your Growth, and makes you dwarfiſh, ſo that there is but very little Fruit on ſome of you, upon whom the Lord hath beſtowed much Labour. And altho' ſome of you, as to Age, might have been Teachers of others, yet have you need that others ſhould teach you, tho' you may not be very willing to hear of it, but be ready to ſay in order to excuſe or cover yourſelves, that *You have known the Truth many Years, and have openly profeſſed it*: But let me tell you, in the Fear

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and Dread of the powerful God, That a Knowledge of the Truth, or a Profeſſion thereof, is not ſufficient; nay, altho' it has been ſo obey'd, as that you have come out of the open Profaneneſs of the World, which may well be called the open Streets of *Babylon*; yet if you do not obey its Requirings, ſo as to bring forth Fruits mete for him who hath given you ſo many refreſhing Showers of his pure Love, and come out of the ſecret Chambers of *Babylon* alſo, you will be in Danger of ſuffering great Loſs, more Ways than one: For God is determined to lay her waſte, to make her a Heap of Ruins; and Wo will be to all thoſe who have been delighting to drink in the Cup of her Fornications, whatever their Profeſſion or Appearance have been; and the Day of her Sorrow is haſtening with Speed.

Therefore, *my Brethren* and *Siſters* in Profeſſion, my Heart being full of Good will, I am led, in the conſtraining Love of God, to warn you all to beware of the Merchandizes of *Babylon*, eſpecially the Pleaſures of this fading World, and to have a Care that they do not prevail upon the Minds of any, ſo as to get between you and the Lord, or ſeparate you from the Love of God, manifeſted unto you thro' his dear Son, and the Light of his holy Spirit; but that all who have come to believe in the Light of Chriſt, may ſo live, as that they may ſhew forth their Faith by Obedience unto Righteouſneſs, which is always the Fruit of true Faith; *For as the Body is dead without the Spirit, ſo is Faith without Works dead alſo*, James ii. 26.

And as you come up in Obedience to him in whom you profeſs to believe, he will lead and guide you into all Truth, in the Way of Holineſs, which is the only Way to Reſt and Peace: Thus you will be *Iſraelites* of God in Heart as well as in Profeſſion, and your Eaſe will be to dwell alone;

no more to be numbered among the Nations, neither in their Worſhip, which is in the Alienations from God; nor in the polluted Ways and Cuſtoms of the World, which is what my Soul deſires, and is the End of my preſent Exerciſe; and that it may never happen to any whom God has viſited in this Day, as it did to ſome of the *Iſraelites* formerly, who lived to ſee a Time, wherein they were ready to lament that *The Summer was over, the Harveſt ended, and they ungathered*: Which State my Soul earneſtly breathes to God may never happen to be any of ours, to whom he has graciouſly given a Summer-ſeaſon unto; but that we may embrace his tender Love, which is extended towards us; for which, and his numberleſs Tokens of Mercy and Favour vouchſafed to us ever ſince we were a People, my Soul in Reverence (with many more) doth bow unto the living Fountain; and feeling his pure Love to fill my Soul at this Time, I am made to ſing Praiſes to God who dwells on high, and is alone worthy, worthy, World without End.

And as you, *my elder Brethren*, who have known the Truth many Years, I cannot but ſay (in Humility of Soul before the Lord, and with a true Eſteem for *faithful Elders*, as the Words ran thro' my Heart when this Exerciſe came upon me) lift up your Eyes and ſee how white the Fields are unto Harveſt; do not you ſee how many there be who do not yet profeſs with us, but are ſo far convinced as to confeſs, that it is the Truth which is held forth amongſt us? And now their Eyes are attentively upon us, to ſee how we come up in the practical Part of our Religion, in Care, in Zeal and Circumſpection in all our Undertakings: So that I have ſometimes ſaid, That in many Places verbal Teſtimonies are not ſo much wanting, as a Care in anſwering our Teſtimonies and Principles, in all our Behaviour and Deportment amongſt the Sons

Sons of Men: The want whereof doth often hinder Truth from prevailing, and ſtands in the Way of thoſe who are not yet of this Fold, yet whom the Lord waits to gather into it: For the Sake of ſuch he hath ſtaid his Hand, which hath long been ſtretched out over this poor Nation: Wherefore let all be ſtirred up to ſee, if Nothing lies at any of your Doors, or remains undone on your Parts; but that you come up in a holy Zeal and Boldneſs for God and his Cauſe upon Earth, that ſo the Beauty and Glory of the everlaſting Truth may ſhine forth to the World thro' you all. *Let your Lights ſo ſhine in the World*, that they that ſee your good Works, and holy Care, *may glorify your heavenly Father*: This doth my Soul earneſtly intreat for you all.

For it would be a diſmal Thing indeed, if any whom God has ſent to be as Way-marks to others to walk by, to be as the Salt of the Earth, as the premitive *Chriſtians* were, and the true *Chriſtians* are, ſhould thro' Negligence, or Indifference rather, be Hinderers of others, until the Time of gathering be over: Would not ſuch be in Danger of being guilty of the Blood of others? In the Fear and Love of of God therefore let all lay theſe Things to Heart, turn to the Light of Chriſt in your own Boſoms, and conſider of your Ways, and ſee by it, how the Matter ſtands between God and your Souls; whether you have not reſiſted, as *Jeruſalem* did, until they were left in Darkneſs, and could not diſcern the Things that belonged to their Peace? Whether you have anſwered the Call of the Lord in Obedience unto Righteouſneſs, and thereby brought Honour to God? Or have otherwiſe by Negligence, or Liberty taken to fulfil the Luſts of the Fleſh, cauſed the Way of Truth to be evil-ſpoken of? If it hath thus been with any who profeſs the bleſſed Truth, methinks the Trumpet of the Lord ſounds very

very loud to ſuch; and with yearning Bowels of true Good-will, I cannot but warn ſuch, to ſeek the Lord with your whole Hearts, if happily he may yet be found of you: And altho' it be in the Way of his righteous Judgments (which is the alone Way to Redemption, and is for the preſent not joyous but grievous) yet embrace it, and be willing to bear his Chaſtiſements, while he condeſcends to mix them with Mercy: For this I muſt ſay, that thoſe who will not bow under the Judgments which God Almighty is offering in Love, they muſt bear his Indignation, when the Door of Mercy is ſhut upon them in the Day that is approaching, when the Sinners, altho' in *Zion*, ſhall be afraid, and Fear will ſurprize the Hypocrite, even all ſuch who profeſs themſelves to be what they are not in Reallity. Oh! how ſhall I write, or what ſhall I ſay, to clear my ſelf, and eaſe my Spirit of that Weight of Exerciſe which reſts upon me in true Love to all? Let me ſay unto all, who make mention of the Name of the Lord, *Depart ye from Iniquity*; and in the Words of our Lord, ſpeaking to the *Jews* that had believed on him, *If ye abide in my Word, then are ye my Diſciples indeed; and ye ſhall know the Truth, and the Truth ſhall ſet you free.* They then alledged, *they were* Abraham's *Children*, and conſequently *free:* But our Saviour replied, that *if they were* Abraham's *Children, they would do the Works of* Abraham; but he tells them plainly, *they were of their Father the Devil, and his Luſts would they do.* You therefore who are the Children of believing Parents, have a Care I intreat you, of truſting to this Plea of the *Jews*; it is a Covering that will prove too narrow; and Excuſe that will do your Souls no good; and if you are not following your Fathers Steps in the Way of Regeneration, and working the Works of Righteouſneſs, you will ſtand condemned as the

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Jews were, and your Profeſſion will be of no avail.

Therefore, as you believe in the Light, ſee that you walk in it, while it ſhines upon you, that ſo ye may become the Children of the Light and of the Day, Children of God, Heirs and Coheirs with Chriſt in the Kingdom of his Father's Glory, which will be of more Value in a dying Hour, than all the Pleaſures of the World, were it poſſible for a Man to obtain them. Let me therefore reccommend you to the *ingrafted Word, which*, as it is obeyed and followed, *is able to ſave the Soul:* It is not far from any, but nigh at Hand, even *in the Mouth and in the Heart*, that it may be both heard and done. Thus as all come up in Obedience unto the Word of Truth, you will draw down the Favour of God upon you, and the Lord will be as a King to defend you, a Rock of Refuge in the ſhattering Day that is near at Hand, when the Lord will hide his faithful Children as in the Hollow of his Hand.

Remember, *dear Friends*, how the Lord's Love was manifeſted over thoſe exerciſed Ones, who were in Pain for the Welfare of *Jeruſalem*; on theſe he ſet his Mark for their Safety, whilſt thoſe who beheld the Abominations with Eaſe and Unconcernedneſs, periſhed with thoſe who worked them, tho' they might not be found with them in open Profaneneſs; but they had all one Fare. Theſe Things have been left for our Inſtruction, and my Soul deſires that we may thoroughly conſider them; then I believe a Concern would be begot in many Hearts who are now at Eaſe, that we might grow rich towards God, and bring forth Fruits to his Honour; and not to ſeek ourſelves, or the Favour or Friendſhip of the World. For thoſe who do ſo, and are more concerned herein, than in conſidering how they may behave, ſo as to be worthy Receivers of the many Bleſſings, both ſpiritual and emporal, which he hath favoured us with, may be aſſured,

aſſured, that the all-ſeeing Eye of God is over them, and he ſees them with Diſpleaſure, tho' they may think themſelves ſafe and rich, and may create to themſelves Peace, and deck themſelves with God's Jewels, yet their Peace may be broken when they have the greateſt Need of true Peace, and their Riches become Poverty and Want; which I heartily deſire may never be the State of any whom God hath viſited with his glorious Truth.

And this Word lives in my Heart to you all, whether old or young, rich or poor, whom the Lord hath concerned to labour for the Good of his Church, whether in a public Teſtimony, or in a more private Manner; oh! ſee that you come up in your proper Office, in the Dominion and Authority of the pure Truth, and keep cloſe under the Government of your heavenly Captain, who hath engaged you in his Warfare againſt the Enemy of Souls; and beware of conſulting with Fleſh and Blood, or giving way to the reaſoning Part; for this weakens your Hands as it gets room, and is the Work of the Enemy, who ſeeing himſelf dethron'd in you, and the Lord concerning you to help to overturn his Power in others, I know great are his Endeavours to hinder ſuch in their Progreſs, and many are the Snares he is making Uſe of: Therefore, *dear Freinds*, keep true to your Leader, whether it be little or more that the Lord requireth of you; let your Eye be ſingly to him, your Faith fixed in his Power, and the Enemy with all his Agents will be put to flight: And as you abide in the Word of his Patience, you ſhall grow ſtrong in the Lord, and in the Power of his Might. And notwithſtanding ſome may be ready to think, that tho' they get one Step forward one Day, yet they loſe it another; and ſo are ready to faint in their Minds, and let in Diſcouragements; let me caution you, *my tender Friends*, againſt admitting theſe

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Things to have too much Place in your Thoughts; for God, who hath begun the Work, if you abide in his Counſel, will carry it on, and perfect it in his own Time, to his Praiſe and your Comfort. Be faithful therefore in your ſeveral Conditions, and think not God's Time long, but wait for it: Remember *David*, and how long it was ere he came to rule *Iſrael*, after he was anointed King by the Prophet, and how many Trials and deep Exerciſes he underwent, inſomuch that he feared he ſhould one Day fall by the Hand of thoſe who ſought his Life: And certain it is, that many whom the Lord has Service for, he is pleaſed to try with various Exerciſes, in order that they may be experimental Witneſſers for him, of his great Power.

Neither let any deſpiſe the *Day of ſmall Things*, but be faithful in the *Little*; if the Lord ſee mete he can *add more*: But thoſe who are not faithful in *little*, how are they like to be faithful in *much*? And therefore are unfit to have it. See therefore, *my Friends*, that you quit yourſelves like Men and Women for God, in your ſeveral Services, whether in public Teſtimony, or in Affairs relating to Diſcipline and the good Order of the Church; that ſo Nothing may be wanting on your Parts; that how ſoon ſoever the Lord may come to take a View of his Vineyard, in order to clear it of the fruitleſs Branches, which he hath long beheld with a ſparing Eye, and plentifully watered them with the Showers of his Love, you may be clear of the Blood of ſuch, having diſcharged your Duty every Way towards them; and methinks, *Friends*, I find it to reſt upon me to ſay, *This Day draws on apace*; a Day wherein he will make it plain, who are on his Side, and are following him faithfully; and who they are, who profeſs to follow him, and yet live to themſelves, and in the Liberty of their own carnal Hearts: My Soul is in deep Heavineſs many Times for ſuch,

tho' they are often the moſt unwilling to conſider Things aright; and ſometimes the moſt forward to judge hardly of the Servants of the Lord, who are made willing to ſpend and be ſpent for the Glory of God, and the Good of his People; and of whoſe Labour and Travel, both in Body and Spirit, the Lord takes Notice, and they ſhall not go unrewarded, as they continue faithful unto God; unto whom they look in all they take in Hand, and dare not ſpare, neither for Favour, Affection, nor any Thing that is here below, when the Lord opens their Underſtandings; and theſe *Shall reſt from their Labour*, in endleſs Happineſs, and their *Works ſhall follow them*.

And unto you who have kept your Integrity, and are as Fathers and Mothers in *Iſrael*, for whom I have a reverent Eſteem in the Lord; unto you a Word dwells upon my Spirit, in the pure Love of God: *May you ever remember the Days of your Youth, and how tenderly the Lord dealt with you; how he led you even on Step by Step, and often paſſed by the Infirmities and Weakneſſes that attended you:* And when you were in Danger of miſſing your Way, *You, whoſe Deſires were good*, did not he condeſcend to *inform your Underſtandings, lead you as by the Hand, and help you into the Way again?* Thus did your heavenly Father deal with you, in his tender Love and Mercy: And as you keep theſe Things in Remembrance, they will engage your Minds to be watchful over, and very tender towards thoſe who are but as Children (as you once were) in whom the Lord is at work, and forming them for his Service, to promote the Good of *Zion*, and the Welfare of *Jeruſalem*; for which many of you have faithfully laboured in your Day. And now the Lord is ſtirring up many, whom he will make valiant for him, and his Truth upon Earth, as they ſtand faithful unto him, when many of you

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are gone to your Reſt. And therefore, *dear Friends*, receive the Word of Exhortation; and wherever you ſee any tender breathing Babe, that hath its Father's Stamp upon it, altho' it appear weak, and in a ſtammering Manner, if you can diſcern that its Longing and Deſire is for the Proſperity of Truth, and of the glorious Work of God, how can you but be glad thereof; and if it happens that ſuch an one ſhould at any Time miſs its Way, either on the right Hand or on the left, how ready ſhould the wiſe in Heart be to inform, and extend a Hand to help in the ſame Love wherein God dealt with you in your Childhood: And as you are thus preſerved in the pure meek Spirit of Jeſus, your heavenly Head, it will abundantly add to your Authority, and beget the more Care in thoſe you are thus concerned for, to anſwer your Advice, and to keep cloſe to the Requirings of God; and it will alſo give you the greater Weight with ſuch as are juſtly blameable. Thus will the Government of Chriſt, the Power and Authority of the Goſpel, more and more prevail over that which is of the Fleſh and fleſhly Will, thro your keeping in the Dominion and Dignity of Truth: And thus will the Church of God be adorned with her own Robe, with the holy Spirit of the living Lord; and her Members will love and cheriſh one another, every one acting in its own Place and Station, be it never ſo ſmall or low; the Circulation of heavenly Life will then be witneſſed, and all will go on to the Glory and Honour of the great God, who is worthy for ever.

And be ſure, *my Brethren*, as much as in you lies, keep in the meek, gentle, condeſcending Spirit of Love one towards another; ſo that nothing may ever get Place amongſt you, that may grow to Hardneſs, or cauſe Grudgings to ariſe in any of your Minds one towards another, for this will inſenſibly eat as a Canker, to the Weakening of your Strength

Strength and Authority unawares; but ſo give way to one another, in the Liberty of Truth, that you may grow up in the bleſſed Fellowſhip of the glorious Goſpel, as that all who behold your *Chriſtian* Behaviour one towards another, may have Cauſe to ſay, *you are the People of God, and taught by his holy Spirit:* And thus you will be a good Example to the very Hindermoſt of thoſe amongſt whom you are concerned, which will be a Means to faſten and ſet home your ſeveral Services upon all you are engaged with: You will alſo be kept near and dear one unto another, in the *Unity of the one Spirit, the Bond of laſting Peace*; which as you abide in the Enemy, with all his Twiſtings and Twinings, will never be able to break, nor deprive you of. Therefore, *my Brethren*, join Hand in Hand, and ſet Shoulder to Shoulder in this weighty Work, the Promotion of God's bleſſed Truth, and go on in the Name and Fear of the Lord, in Self-denial (which reaches a great Way, if truly conſidered) and under a Senſe of the daily Need you have of his Aſſiſtance: This doth my Soul earneſtly intreat of you all; being filled with a Senſe of the Goodneſs of God, at this very Moment, and drawn forth therein much more than I did expect. But having now eaſed my bowed Spirit of that which has remained as an Exerciſe upon me, I ſhall now conclude, earneſtly wiſhing the Welfare of you all; and the Lord, ſaith my Soul, multiply his Mercies and the Viſitations of his pure Love, with the Peace of his holy Spirit, upon his whole Flock and Family. To God the Father, through Jeſus Chriſt, be everlaſting Glory, Honour and Praiſe, who is worthy, worthy, now and for ever.

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